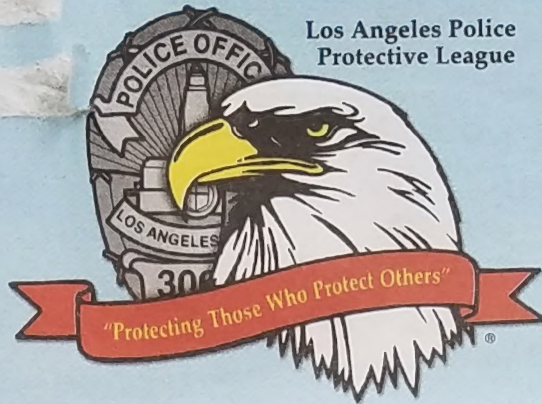


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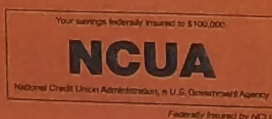
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DANGEROUS JOB WARRANTS FAIR SUPPORT

Bob Baker, President

Maybe it's because of my role with the League or my status as a veteran with the force, but I feel like more and more now I am reminded of the truly dangerous nature of the job of police officers. All too often, I find myself standing at the bedside of officers who are injured on duty. While I am naturally thankful that they are ok and will recover, I am also worried about what might happen next week or next month – and if it will be worse.

In April, one of our own, Officer Christopher Chavez, was struck by a hit-and-run driver while assisting on a domestic violence call. He "celebrated" his one-year wedding anniversary in a coma, his family cherishing the fact that he was responsive to touch and sound.

This is a sad fact about our jobs: because we often put ourselves directly in harm's path, we are more likely to be injured or killed as a result of our occupation. And those officers that survive near-death encounters are often left with the stress and emotional scars that often accompany these types of traumatic experiences. This mental harm can often wreak more havoc than the originating incident.

I am happy to report that Officer Chavez is on the mend, and his partner, Officer Leon Maya, escaped with minor injuries. We can be thankful that they

and many other officers who are injured on the job eventually make it home at the end of the day.

These situations, as well as thoughts about the men and women of our armed forces serving overseas has made me think more seriously about the sacrifices our law enforcement and safety officers make, and how this relates to the contract negotiations process.

As you may know, the Directors of the League have been engaged in contract negotiations on your behalf with the City of Los Angeles for about the past two months. The talks have been going as we expected and we are hoping to reach agreements on several key issues with the City to return a fair and equitable contract for the rank and file of the LAPD.

There are several challenges that we are up against, not only with the contract, but also the other operations of the LAPD. The city and state are dealing with serious budget issues, and despite public opinion polls that show safety is a top priority for California residents, surprisingly funding for law enforcement is not at the top of the list of priorities for some elected officials. In addition, there is a 34 percent increase in medical premiums – we are working with Police Relief in the administration of the medical programs.

We will keep working on your behalf to achieve the best results possible for the rank and file. Police work is a tough job as it is, and we will do everything we can to secure a fair contract for you. We hope we can count on the support of the community, the Mayor, the City Council and the Department to achieve a fair and equitable contract that reflects the dangers of the job.

Funding is tight, and there are many priorities in our city and state. There are many things that are important – education, transportation, infrastructure – but public safety is at the forefront, particularly at this time, and we must ensure

that we not only have the resources at our disposal to protect the city, but that we also attract and retain the best talent through competitive contracts.

We have said it before, and we'll say it again: now is a particularly sensitive time in our city, state and nation, and we are counting on our law enforcement personnel to be our first line of defense against both domestic and terrorist threats. As the "first responders," it is the police officers' job to protect the residents of our communities, and we should be respected and supported for these efforts.

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DRAWING SUPPORT FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Mitzi Grasso, Vice President

Famed conductor and musician Fritz Reiner once said, "Watch out for emergencies. They are your big chance."

As police officers, we know that – unfortunately – this is the hallmark of our careers in law enforcement. The stories that grab the headlines, the anecdotes that make us heroes are not the everyday duties that we all must do, such as monitoring traffic for safety, responding to calls for help for everything from domestic disputes to thefts or attending court to testify on behalf of a crime victim.

The stories that get the attention of the public are those centered on "emergencies." The North Hollywood bank robbery and subsequent shootout. The arrest of a man walking through Koreatown armed with a gun and shooting at officers. Or the devastating, yet prime example of this statement: September 11.

What this all goes to prove is facts that we all know: police work is stressful and demanding. And it's not glamorous like Hollywood makes it out to be, but rather is dangerous, hard work.

It also goes to show that we don't do it alone. In times of crisis, it is natural for people to band together. We work together in teams with our colleagues to accomplish goals. Perhaps more importantly, we call upon the community to partner with us – in many areas, not just specifically law enforcement – to help us solve problems and provide us with the support we need to do our jobs.

In my role as the community liaison for the League, and during my previous role as president of the organization, I have had the opportunity to meet and work with many people throughout Los Angeles. Not only have we achieved goals specific to LAPD officers – such as flexible work schedules, the re-institution of Senior Lead Officers and bringing new leadership to the Department –

but we have also focused on community crime issues such as graffiti and gang activity, and broader concerns like poverty, youth programs and health needs.

What I have found is that the community is eager to support its officers and become actively involved in ensuring that our Department and cops have the resources and community backing necessary to do their jobs successfully. The same can be said for many of the individuals and local leaders actively involved in the operations of our Department. I am fortunate to have good relationships with people such as Chief Bratton, Chief Gascon and Police Commission President Rick Caruso – and not only does this help the League achieve many goals on behalf of the rank and file (as well as voice your concerns directly to departmental leadership), but it also helps us form an even stronger support network within the community.

Whether we want to or not, we must rely on the community to be an effective police force. Not only do they serve as our eyes and ears on the street to clue us into issues or concerns that we may not as easily see, but they are also very powerful in determining the operations of the police department, particularly in how they relate with their council representatives and other leaders within the city that dictate policy, resource allocation and budgeting.

A good example is a program like Neighborhood Watch. I am often asked by residents not familiar with the program, "What is the purpose of Neighborhood Watch?" My answer is simple – it is about watching and caring, not snooping.

Neighborhood Watch, which was created by former Los Angeles Police Chief Ed Davis, is all about looking out for

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CCLEA California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations representing 28 California police officer associations.

SCALE Southern California Alliance of Law Enforcement representing 10 police officer associations.

BIG 11 An informal association of the 11 largest sworn law enforcement associations in the State of California.

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DEVELOPING LIFE TIME LEARNING

Ted Hunt, Secretary

PROFESSIONALISM = (continual + regular) (training + education)

We focus a lot of League resources on developing professionalism through training and education. The theory is that the better trained and educated an officer is, the less the officer will get into trouble. That lowers the liability risk of the officer which lowers the pay-out for legal defense on behalf of the officer.

In addition, if officers are collectively more professional, it equates to a more professional department which equates to the ability for us to demand more in salaries and benefits. In other words, if we save the city money in legal payouts they can give us the savings in pay and benefits.

Examples of League Training and Education

We have an Annual College Fair which is designed to encourage police personnel to return to formal education.

Twice we have co-sponsored along with ALADS, a training course titled, "The Bulletproof Mind: Mental Preparation for Combat," by Lt. Col. Dave Grossman who is one of the nation's leading law enforcement trainers and

author of the Pulitzer-nominated book, *On Killing*.

This was incredible training. Very high quality — Gordon Graham quality. We also put on an annual training seminar for Delegates each year. And when the Department was faced with responding immediately to the Consent Decree training we stepped in to help.

Training Group wanted to be able to present the Consent Decree training in a multimedia fashion so it would be more interesting and effective. Because of the complexities of city budgeting, LAPD couldn't come up with the money to pay for computers and other equipment to present the training the way they wanted to, so the League paid for the computers and other multimedia equipment. That made the courses much more interesting and meaningful. We even paid for the shirts that the instructors wore.

When the Department and League were faced with taking a position on major local and statewide training issues the League partnered with the Department and co-sponsored focus groups to come up with realistic decisions from the field.

When we address training issues, we

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Medical Insurance Changes

The comparison chart below compares our current Blue Cross PPO Plan to L.A. Firefighters, Sheriff, and Highway Patrol PPO plans. As noted, we are the only PPO medical plan offering 100% for in-network care with no co-pay. Your Board of Directors has been meeting with Blue Cross representatives and L.A. Police Relief Association (LAPRA) representatives regarding our new contract with Blue Cross. As I reported in last month's article, we were told that the medical cost of our Blue

Cross PPO plan was increasing 34%. We have been meeting with LAPRA and Blue Cross representatives, sometimes daily, to find a way to maintain the highest benefits with as little increase in cost to the plan as possible. At the writing of this article, we are still negotiating with the City on increased subsidy as well as meeting with LAPRA and Blue Cross to decrease the proposed 34% increase in the PPO plan. The one benefit change that is going to occur to keep the plan less costly is changing the 100% after deductible in-network to 90%, in line

with other PPO organization plans. This change has been fought by the League and LAPRA for years, and, as noted, we are the only plan still at 100% after deductible in-network. However, to keep the out-of-pocket costs reasonable, this change must be made. LAPRA will be notifying the membership of changes

and the exact cost of all three of our medical plans in the near future, during their open enrollment. I will be updating the members of any and all changes to the medical plans in my future articles and through materials given to your divisional delegates.

Take care and be safe!

Table 1 - Actives

California Preferred Provider Organizations (PPO) Plans

Benefit	Los Angeles Police Relief Association (LAPRA)	Los Angeles Department of Fire and Police Pensions (FPP)	Firemen's Relief Association (FRA)	United Firefighters of Los Angeles City (UFLAC)	Los Angeles County Sheriff (ALADS)	California Highway Patrol (CHP)
Deductible	\$200 Member \$400 Family	\$500	\$100	\$200	\$200 Member \$600 Family	\$250 Member \$500 Family
Out-of-Pocket Maximum	\$1,500 excludes deductible, co-pays, Mental Health and Chemical Dependency	\$5000	\$5000	\$450/\$6000	\$450 per person after deductible	In-Network \$3000/\$6000 Out-of-Network: None
Coinsurance	100%/80%	90%/70%	90%/70% Inpatient 100% most Outpatient	90%/70%	90%/70%	90%/70% 80%/60%
Office Visit	100%/80%	\$10 co-pay/70%		90%/70%	90%/70%	\$10 co-pay
Physical/Wellness Exams	\$25 co-pay; 100% up to \$250 maximum	\$350 maximum	\$600 maximum	\$25-\$75 co-pay	\$25 co-pay	Unknown
Prescription - Retail Pharmacy	\$15 Brand \$10 Generic	\$15 Brand \$10 Generic	80% of Generic	\$10 Brand \$5 Generic	\$10 Brand \$5 Generic	\$10 Brand \$5 Generic
Mental Health Inpatient Coinsurance	100%/80%	90%/70%	90%/70%	50%/50%	50% after deductible	Unknown
Mental Health Inpatient Limits	No Limit	90 days per lifetime	21 days per lifetime	30 days per year	30 days per year	Unknown
Chemical Dependency Inpatient Coinsurance	100%/80%	90%/70%	100%/100%	50%/50%	50% up to \$50 (in-net) 50% up to \$25 (out-net)	Unknown
Chemical Dependency Inpatient Limits	1 course/member/year, 2 courses per lifetime	\$50,000	\$6,000	30 days per year	Unknown	Unknown
Mental Health Outpatient	Plan pays 50%; up to \$75/visit (in-net); and up to \$25 (out-net)	90%/50% 15 visits per year	100%/70% 20 visits per year	50%/50% 50 visits per year	Unknown	Unknown
Chiropractic	Limited to 24 visits per year	30 visits per year	\$1,200 per year		90%/70%	Unknown
Hearing Aids	\$1,500 every 3 years	\$2,000 every 3 years	\$700 per lifetime	No coverage	Unknown	Unknown
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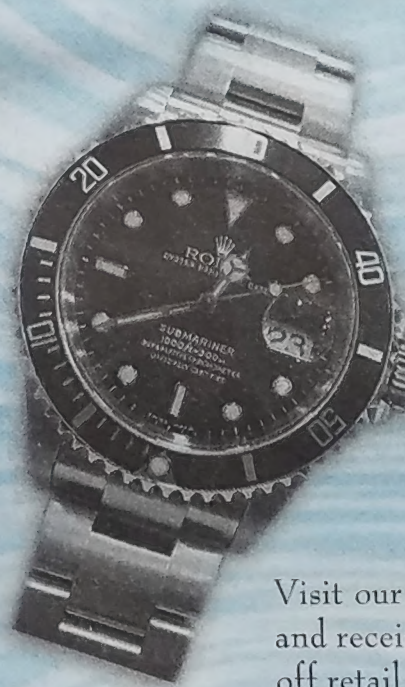
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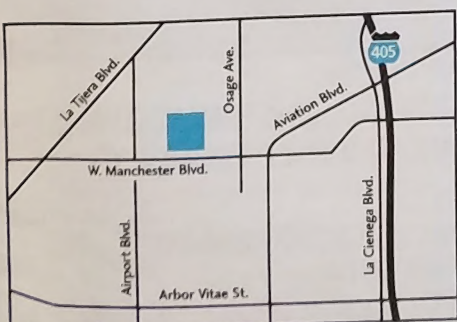
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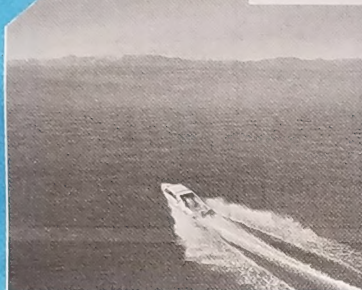


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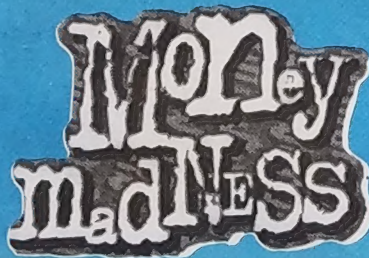


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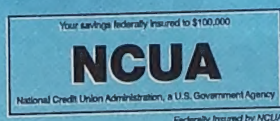
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REALLY?

Don Lint

I recently spoke with a sergeant who was angry and disappointed. Apparently he had a meeting with his captain concerning his field activities. The conversation was something like this. "Sergeant, you have got to stop getting involved with catching bad guys and stop being involved with uses of force and pursuits." "Captain, how can I drive past a crime in progress or not help take a violent criminal into custody when he has made the decision to fight with our officers? Don't we have the responsibility to set the example for our officers? Doesn't leadership by example mean anything?" The captain replied, "Leadership by example is just macho bull shit." Pardon the language but

those were the exact words used and for this article I believe it is important to be as accurate as possible.

Angry and disappointed? I would have been angry and ashamed! Angry that I was working for an individual that was calling the shots that directly impact my career and possibly my life, as well as great police officers under his command. Ashamed that an individual on our Department could get promoted and be in charge of a Patrol Division yet have missed such a basic and important part of Leadership.

Let me address the part about macho bullshit. During World War II, a full bird colonel came across a brand spankin' new lieutenant. The lieutenant and his men

were hunkered down in a ditch taking fire from the house in front of them. The Col. asked him why he hadn't taken the house, and the Lt. replied that he didn't know how. The Col. took a few men with him and worked their way around the side of the house. "Now this is the important part." The Col. threw two grenades into the house and led the assault on the house. Within minutes the house was in control of the U.S. Army. The Col. went back to the Lt. and told him, "Now you have seen how to do it and you know it can be done, lead your men."

Far too often the rank-and-file officers are told to go do a job that they don't particularly know how to do or don't believe can be done, and the leaders giving the orders can't or won't do it themselves. I know this is contrary to Chief Bratton's mindset or certainly Chief Hillmann's. Chief Bratton once put on a Transit Police uniform and without bodyguards and drivers or anyone else along with him went into the New York subway to find out what the problems were that faced his officers and he wanted to know if they were properly prepared for what they faced. Just recently, who led the charge during an anti-war demonstration? That's right, Chief Hillmann. I challenge that captain operating from his safe and secure office to learn how to do the job of a police officer and then show his own troops how to do it, and I don't mean go out and flash your bars around in a neighborhood so everyone thinks you're a big shot. Go out and see if you can write the number of tickets that you expect out of your officers, make the arrests, write the reports, go to court, shake hands and kiss babies, oh, and don't collect any complaints along the way. I venture to say that most of the most demanding and harshest command officers on this job could not even come close to living up to their own expectations.

I saw an interview of a couple of Army soldiers in Iraq a few days ago. Their unit had suffered two devastating deaths. The first was their platoon Sergeant. By everyone's account he was a great leader. The soldier who was interviewed stated that "it was an extremely demoralizing event, but he was a guy that led by example and we continued the fight the way he would have wanted us to." The second man killed in that unit was the first man's replacement. He was chosen to take his place because of his exceptional leadership abilities and particularly his leadership-by-example style. The young men in that unit lost two leaders, but have forever gained a respect, and more importantly, a life lesson on how to lead. The two leaders who lost their lives will never be forgotten and they undoubtedly saved many lives as a result of the way they lived and led.

As for the captain, safe and snug in his office, he should ask himself how many lives has he influenced for the better in his career? How will he be remembered? Has he benefited the Department, his officers, or his community? The answer is easy and he should look in the mirror and ask himself, "Were all those great leaders before me wrong and how have I been so fortunate to have come to the conclusion that leadership by example is just macho bullshit?"

Captain, you should take the cue from your sergeant and try leadership by example. You might find that your officers really respect you or that you ask far too much to them, because you can't do what you demand of them. That is the risk involved with true leadership. If that is the case, then you should be big enough to re-think what you demand of your officers. In the meantime, commend your supervisor because he makes you look good every day he does his job and his troops would follow him into battle—but would they follow you?

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HE FINALLY TURNED 30

Peter Repovich

A Council Member in Profile

L.A. City Council President Alex Padilla has finally hit his 30th birthday last month. *Congratulations!* The Councilman celebrated his birthday by raising over one million dollars for the LA City

Children's Museum. *The Eagle and Badge Foundation Board donated \$25,000 to the Children's Museum as a part of that effort.*

Alex Padilla has been a steady hand with sizable leadership as Council President, and has been a champion for public safety issues. He was elected to the Los Angeles City Council in June of 1999. He was unopposed in his re-election bid in April 2001. Padilla was then elected by his peers to serve as President of the City Council in July of 2001. As President you are tested every day on a variety of issues facing the City of Los Angeles and his fellow Council peers.

The Council President is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) with a degree in mechanical engineering who was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley. Alex served as an educational counselor at the University of Pacific, completed a Coro Foundation postgraduate

public policy program, and served in U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein's office. Alex then went on to work for Assembly Member Tony Cardenas in the 39th District where he served as District Director. Proof of promise for this young Council president is his leadership in the Latino Caucus, and his serving on the Board of Directors of the California League of Cities, and the National League of Cities.

Councilman Padilla serves as the Chair of the powerful Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Com-

mittees. His role as a member of the Executive Employee Relations Committee (EERC) is vital to our city employees and the ongoing efforts of the Protective League.

The entire Board of Directors of the Police Protective League appreciates the hard work and dedication of Council President Alex Padilla.

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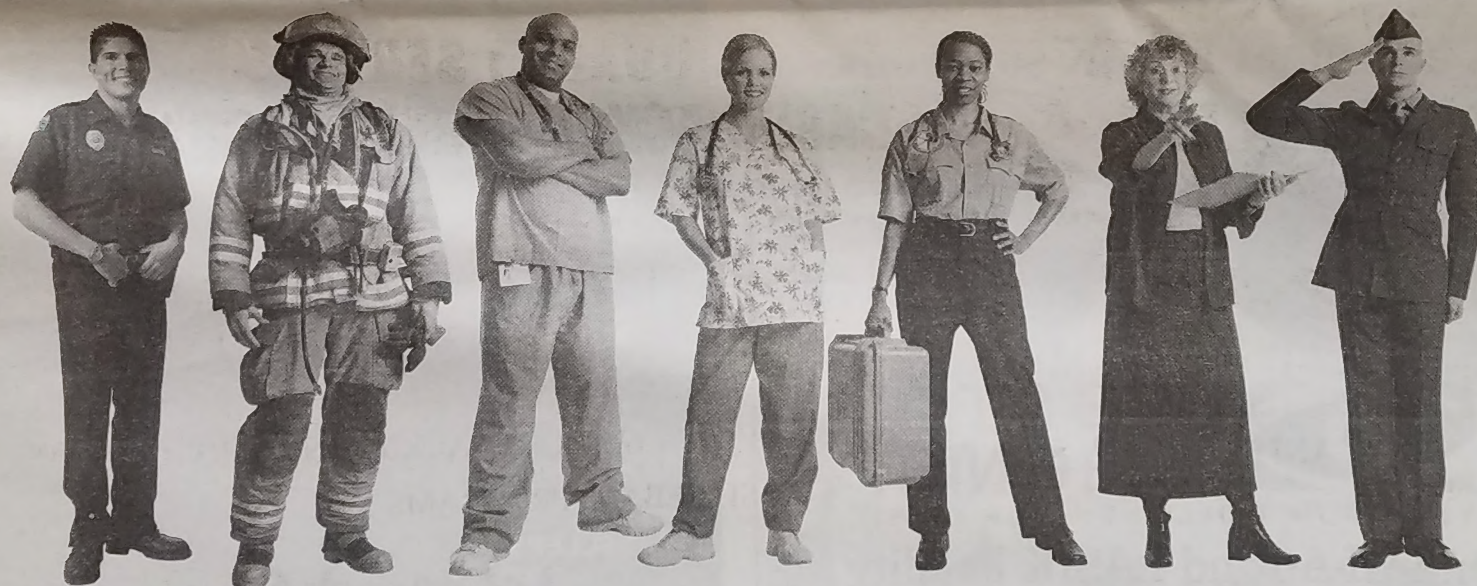
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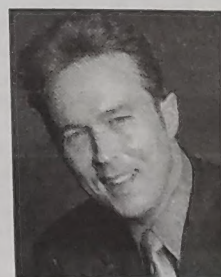
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BENEFIT RISK

Cliff Ruff

Prior to December of 1980, every Los Angeles Police Officer used to be fully covered for pension benefits, even if only 5 percent of the medical disability rating was duty related. In the late seventies, the *Los Angeles Times* ran several investigative stories showing a high correlation between officers being accused of serious misconduct and the same officers applying for psychological (stress) disability pensions. The end result was that the city made a ballot proposal that modified the disability benefits for pensions. Prior to 1980, an officer could never receive less than his vested rate of return and never less than 50% for duty-related disability.

After 1980 (and for anyone on Tier 5), the city is only required to compensate an officer for a disability pension at the rate of 2% for each year of service with a minimum of 30%. The new provisions also mandate that an officer's own misconduct cannot be the cause of a disability. This was the direct result of the abuse of stress claims. The moral of the story is: because of the selfish misdeeds of a few officers, a major benefit was taken away from all officers.

That same scenario may be happening right now with the DROP program. The recent news accounts of a deputy chief accused of serious misconduct who went

into the DROP program implied that he somehow abused the benefit. This sparked the interest of Councilman Dennis Zine, who chairs the Personnel Committee at City Council, which has oversight on employee benefits. The Councilman then became concerned because two captains were recently downgraded and he believed that they might enter DROP.

Zine has scheduled meetings to determine if abuses are occurring and what remedies may be applicable. I met with Assistant City Attorney Donna Weiz-Jones who stated that a person on DROP is a retiree and that a retiree's pension payment is guaranteed until death.

In the case of the deputy chief, he did not abuse the system by going into DROP. He locked himself into a 60% pension. If he is vindicated and remains on the job, his decision to go into DROP may have denied himself higher pension benefits. If the Department charges him with misconduct, they can withhold his active duty pay under Charter Section 1070. That's what they do to police officers. We'll see if they do the same to deputy chiefs.

In the case of the two downgraded captains, they have the right to enter DROP, the same as anyone else, and they are not abusing the system. They've paid into the pension plan and, like everyone else on Tier 5, they have the right to enter DROP and use their highest twelve-month average salary. They have earned it; it is not an abuse.

The abuses that may jeopardize DROP for future generations of police officers are medical and IOD benefit claims that may be fraudulent or disingenuous. A hypothetical example would be an officer with four years in DROP going out IOD on his fifth year, or an active officer entering DROP and then immediately going

off long-term IOD without any traumatic injuries.

There are allegedly three city employees on DROP with long-term IOD claims that appear questionable. If true, anyone who abuses medical and IOD benefits while on DROP could jeopardize this benefit for future generations of officers. DROP has a five-year sunset clause. If the system remains cost neutral and free from abuse, it will continue to be a benefit. If a few officers abuse it, the DROP program could be terminated by not extending or lifting the sunset clause.

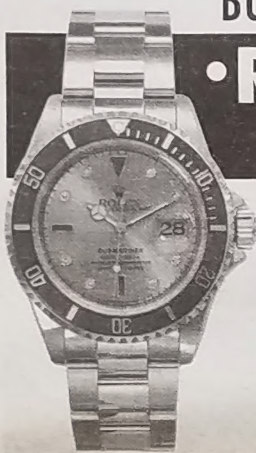
In our future meetings with the city and the pension department, we will be looking for solutions and protection to prevent abuse of this valuable benefit. There won't be a lot of concern for officers off sick or IOD who are caught playing golf, sport fishing, or working on construction projects. In almost all cases involving benefit abuse, these are the same officers who bring in doctor's notes claiming the officer is unable to perform light duty tasks such as answering phones.

An officer who is sick or injured is entitled to lawfully use every benefit available to him/her. However, if the Benefit Abuse Team captures you on video doing things that show you could be doing on-duty work, you may not like the consequences. You could be placed off payroll or charged with benefit abuse. Especially if you are on DROP. We are working on solutions that protect both the officer and the City, but, most importantly, that preserve benefits for the entire membership.

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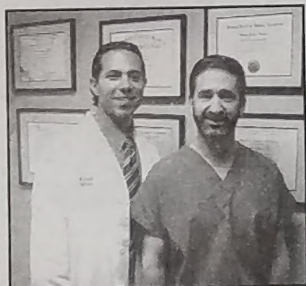
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LET'S ROLL

Paul Weber

LAPD STING OPERATIONS:

The consent decree requires the Department to take citizen-initiated personnel complaints and also requires sting operations. This past month these two requirements came together and results were widely reported on in the media.

Let's get through some preliminary definitions and concepts so we are all on the same page. I know this seems basic, but it never hurts to go over it and hopefully avoid those nasty surprises (1.28).

What is misconduct on the LAPD?

The Department manual volume 3/805.25 defines misconduct as:

- Commission of a criminal offense.
- Neglect of duty.
- Violation of Department policies, rules, or procedures.
- Conduct which may tend to reflect unfavorably upon the employee or the Department.

What is required if you become aware of misconduct according to the Department manual?

Section 3/815.05 requires employees, who are not supervisors who become aware of possible misconduct by another member of the Department, to immediately notify a supervisor. In such cases, the supervisor shall initiate the

complaint form. Therefore, only a supervisor shall initiate a Complaint Form.

Exception: Supervisors who find themselves in a position of being the subject of alleged misconduct shall report the incident to another supervisor who shall conduct a preliminary investigation and, if necessary, complete a Complaint Form.

What does the Consent Decree say?

Consent Decree section 75: The LAPD shall initiate a Complaint Form 1.28 investigation against (i) any officer who allegedly fails to inform any civilian who indicates a desire to file a complaint of the means by which a complaint may be filed; (ii) any officer who allegedly attempts to dissuade a civilian from filing a complaint; or (iii) any officer who is authorized to accept a complaint who allegedly refuses to do so.

If a citizen (real or not) contacts an officer or the officer becomes aware of alleged misconduct you must immediately notify a supervisor. The instant you are told of this alleged misconduct you are part (small or big, it doesn't matter) of a confidential personnel complaint. After you fulfill your duty to report (i.e., call a supervisor and point to the citizen) don't discuss it with anyone

else except, if needed, a qualified representative or your union!

If you're not sure it is an allegation, contact a supervisor. Once the supervisor initiates the complaint it will be investigated and a proper disposition given. Don't take it upon yourself to dispose of the complaint.

These sting operations raised several concerns including the secret taping of administrative sting operations in violation of 632 A PC, lying to officers and supervisors, waste of scarce resources and the potential message it sends to our officers. The end justifies the means.

LAPD officers don't violate the law and they don't lie. These stings require them to do both.

Sting operations will never replace thorough background investigations, high hiring standards, and excellent leadership. Hiring honest, qualified people and treating them the way the Department wants the citizen treated will help.

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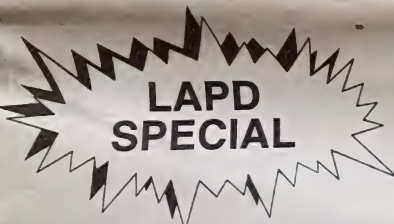
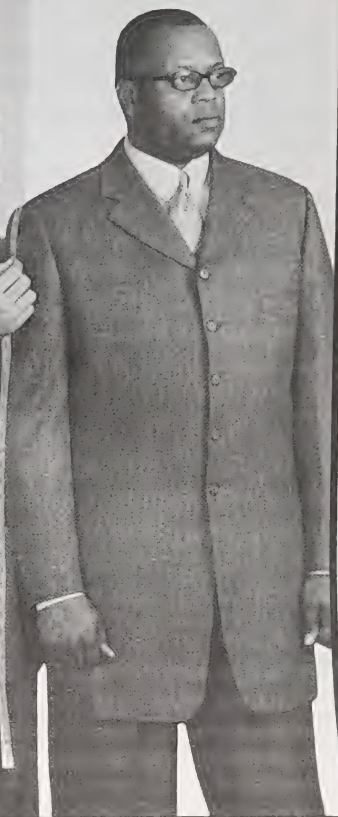
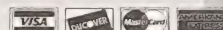
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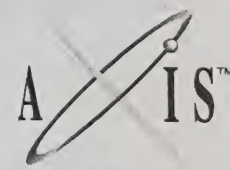
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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law

Federal Consent Decree Requires Lying to LAPD Officers

The Federal Consent Decree under which LAPD presently operates requires it to conduct "sting" audits to identify and investigate officers engaging in at risk behavior. These operations also seek to identify officers who discourage or fail to report misconduct or misconduct complaints. During the past few weeks, League representatives have been informed that LAPD investigators assigned to Internal Affairs Group ("IAG") have been conducting "sting" operations on police officers and supervisors by using undercover investigators wired with hidden electronic devices. These undercover investigators have been secretly recording conversations with on-duty officers and supervisors in public places and police stations while investigating administrative charges, simply to determine whether victim officers or supervisors will take appropriate action after becoming aware from the undercover investigator of fictitious administrative allegation(s) of misconduct, such as rude or improper remarks by other fictitious officers.

In other words, the Consent Decree not only requires lying to LAPD officers, but it also requires that many hours of precious IAG resources be spent concocting, approving and carrying out "sting" sce-

narios full of lies and misrepresentations.

League representatives have also been informed that victim officers and supervisors of "sting" operations are not being investigated, nor are they suspected, of any criminal violations during these operations. Yet, their conversations with the undercover investigator(s) are being secretly tape recorded without their knowledge or consent. Our strong concerns are that these conversations are being recorded in potential violations of the California Penal Code.

Specifically, we are concerned with unlawful invasions of privacy of League members under Penal Code section 632, which provides in pertinent part, that "(a) every person who intentionally and without the consent of all parties to a confidential communication, by means of any electronic amplifying or recording device, eavesdrops upon or records such confidential communication, shall be punishable by fine, or by imprisonment."

As we in law enforcement are aware, this prohibition, however, is subject to the proviso of section 633, which states that notwithstanding section 632, any person acting as or at the direction of a law enforcement officer may "overhear or record any communication that they could lawfully overhear or record prior to the effective date of this chapter." However, in *Rattray v. City of National City* (1994, CA9 Cal) 36F3d 1480, the

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals held that the proviso in section 633 to which section 632 is subject to, was intended solely to exempt law enforcement officers to continue to use electronic devices during criminal investigations; and "police employees were not intended to be exempt from privacy rights conferred by section 632."

We have been informed by LAPD management representatives that in their view, conversations between undercover investigators and on-duty officers are not "confidential" and, as a result, the provisions of section 632 are not applicable in this instance. We have strongly expressed disagreement with this position and have issued strong warnings against this practice.

Recently the California Supreme Court held in *Flanagan vs. Flanagan* (2002) 27 Cal. 4th 766, 117 Cal. Rptr. 2d 574; 4 2002 Cal. LEXIS 1661, that a conversation is confidential under section 632 if a party to that conversation has an objectively reasonable expectation that the conversation is not being overheard or recorded. Such is the case with our officers who have been victimized by these "sting" operations.

Based on the above facts and information, we have requested the Chief of Police and members of the Office of City Attorney and District Attorney to take appropriate action to determine whether the actions IAG of secretly tape recording conversations during the course of entirely administrative investigations, without the consent of all parties, as above described, violates the criminal provisions of section 632 of the Penal Code. The Los Angeles Police Commission last month outlined its yearly goals of the Police Department, asking officers not just to reduce crime but also fear and disorder, and to ensure "responsive leadership."

The civilian commission, which also heard comments and concerns from community members, said the department should have five goals: reducing crime, fear and disorder; enhancing community policing; improving recruitment and retention of officers; achieving timely compliance with a federal consent decree that seeks to end police abuses; and ensuring "responsive leadership focused on the acquisition and appropriate use of resources."

The Federal Consent Decree was signed off by the Police Commission and by the City Council in November 2000 after months of negotiations with U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") officials. The League was totally ignored and left out of the approval loop. We have been told however that the Consent Decree was designed to correct what the DOJ called a pattern of civil rights violations by some renegade officers. Well, when it comes to "sting" audits, we at the League strongly state that the Consent Decree is totally wrong by promoting and requiring abuses of the privacy rights of LAPD officers!

If City officials are serious by expecting LAPD officers to fight gang violence "fearlessly and thoroughly" and by having the League's assistance in making Los Angeles "the safest city in the nation, ensuring that personal safety is a reality for all," then the same City officials have a responsibility to all LAPD officers of ensuring that the Federal Consent Decree is not used as a tool to violate the rights of its sworn officers! We will keep you informed of all future significant developments regarding this matter.

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by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

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—John Donne

The odds are that I'm not going to be shot tonight, so why wear this vest?

Speaking statistically, a hundred thousand stops of suspects will be done by LAPD officers this month and not one officer will be shot in the chest. So why wear a vest? Why is it Department policy to wear a vest?

The answer seems obvious. Statistically, sooner or later, an officer WILL be shot in the chest by a suspect and the vest will save his or her life. No one wants to bet that it won't be them. So, we strap on that uncomfortable vest and live with the discomfort. It makes good sense. That fatal bullet, unlikely or not, needs to be stopped.

I didn't do anything wrong, so why do I need to be compelled to talk?

Again, speaking statistically, most of the time, an officer's statement will not be used against him or her. So why be compelled? There are fatal legal bullets too. Being compelled is like wearing a vest. It makes good sense. That legal bullet also needs to be stopped.

None of us can see into the future. Officers making arrests in Rampart Division in 1995 could not foresee Rafael Perez and the media fury that

erupted in 1999. To this day, we are representing officers who made arrests five, ten, fifteen and even twenty years ago. The Perez scandal atmosphere put every LAPD arrest ever made on the line and subject to what ever allegations arrestees, or their attorneys can come up with.

Prosecutors under heavy media pressure, like other human beings, will be affected. A mistake in your report, a conflict between you and your partner's report, or any other apparent defect in the arrest, can suddenly be elevated from a mistake to a conspiracy to deny the arrestee his constitutional rights. This is a crime. You can be prosecuted.

This is especially true if a personnel investigation was done concerning any incident because those interview tapes last forever. There probably is no Internal Affairs investigation that does not contain conflict of some kind. It is the nature of human beings to view and remember things from different perspectives. Any conflict gives the Department, the state or federal prosecutor, or the plaintiff's attorney the option of calling that conflict a lie, and therefore a crime. Once that decision is made, you are on the defensive.

You can give yourself some protection on the criminal side by being compelled

to submit to give a statement. The prosecutor cannot use your statement directly against you if it was compelled. Since you cannot predict when the next Perez like media frenzy will occur, why would you not want to put on a "legal vest" when you are in a position where you are being asked questions about an incident. Being compelled, or not being compelled, could mean the difference on whether or not you are put through a criminal trial as a defendant. Remember that government is like water, it will always seek the easy path of least resistance. If you make it "easy" to use your statements against you, it is far more likely that it will be done when the pressure is on to prosecute cops.

Then there is the civil side of the coin. In federal civil court, the state statutes are largely ignored and there is little protection. In state civil court, it is different. Section 837.2 of the Penal Code makes your personnel records confidential. That includes any statements that you are compelled to make in a personnel investigation. Plaintiff's attorneys would usually prefer to bring their lawsuits against you in state court because that jury pool is trained everyday by the Los Angeles media to find your every action suspicious. The federal jury pool is from a much larger area and, therefore, less trained by the Los Angeles media. That is why being compelled to talk by Internal Affairs is important in the civil arena also.

Section 3303 (f) of the Government code says this:

"No statement made during interrogation by public safety officer under duress, coercion, or threat of punitive action shall be admissible in any subsequent civil proceeding."

Why would you want to give that protection up? Being sued is far more likely than being prosecuted. Your statements can still be used for impeachment, but only after a judge agrees in an in camera session that your statements are relevant for that purpose.

So, you have a "legal vest" in your wallet, hopefully. The League sent every member a wallet size plastic card with questions to ask the interrogator any time you are about to be interviewed. Pull it out now, and let's go through it so you can see why it can help stop "legal bullets."

The League Police Officer Rights Card

LEAGUE CARD: *In any investigation, if you are advised of your Miranda rights, you should refuse to waive them and immediately contact the League.*

The clue here that should not be ignored is that if an investigator is advising you of your rights, he or she WANTS the option to be able to use your statements against you. This alone should cause you to pause and think. Contact the League and you will be put in contact with an attorney that can advise you.

LEAGUE CARD: *When a decision is made to submit to an internal administrative interview, you should, PRIOR TO BEING INTERVIEWED, have a representative present...*

First, have a rep. Two heads are always better than one. You may think you know everything about representation, but there may be something you have not thought of that the rep's experience can help educate you about. A rep-

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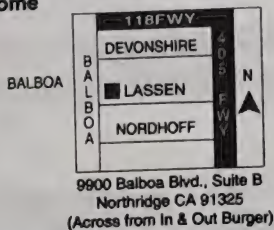
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Developing these models involves studying how thousands, even millions, of people have used credit. Score-model developers find predictive factors in the data that have proven to indicate future credit performance. Models can be developed from different sources of data. Credit-bureau models are developed from information in consumer credit-bureau reports.

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- The amount of time credit has been established
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- Length of time at present residence
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- Negative credit information such as bankruptcies, charge-offs, collections, etc.

There are really three FICO scores computed by data provided by each of the three bureaus, Experian, Trans Union and Equifax. Some lenders use one of these three scores, while other lenders may use the middle score.

HOW CAN I INCREASE MY SCORE?

While it is difficult to increase your score over the short run, here are some tips to increase your score over a period of time.

- Pay your bills on time. Late payments and collections can have a serious impact on your score.
- Do not apply for credit frequently. Having a large number of inquiries on your credit report can worsen your score.
- Reduce your credit-card balances. If you are "maxed" out on your credit cards, this will affect your credit score negatively.
- If you have limited credit, obtain additional credit. Not having sufficient credit can negatively impact your score.

I have a great website that will give you lots of information and insight to your FICO scores. The website is www.myfico.com. Please let me know your thoughts and suggestions.

Thank you for your trust and confidence in the LAPRAAC Real Estate Services and each month I hope to give you more insight and knowledge to help fulfill your dreams and goals in the real estate market.

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A Message From Chief Bratton

Sixth-Month Mark

by Chief William Bratton

On October 28, 2002...I took an oath...the same oath all of you have taken, "To Protect and To Serve." Now, six months later I am proud of the work that has been done, proud of the changes that have been made and looking forward to more. It's been a great time for me personally because I'm back into policing, doing what I love — running a police department. I hope that it has also been a good six months for all of you. I have tried to set a new tone and direction in our reorganization efforts — one that values innovation, transparency, a sense of urgency, creativity and productive change. As I have said before, this Department is an assemblage of high-performing individuals held back by a low-performing organization. The people of the LAPD have been stifled for far too long by an organization that did not encourage risk taking and creativity. I want to find ways to help you do your best work in the coming years.

We have done well against crime in the past six months but we must have a greater sense of urgency and a desire to work harder to reduce crime, fear and disorder in the City's neighborhoods. Quite simply, we are still losing too many lives to mindless violence. As it stands

now, Part One crimes are down five and one-half percent and homicides are down 16.3 percent from October 2002. Since the beginning of the year, homicides have declined even more sharply — by 25 percent. I am setting the ambitious goals of holding that 25 percent decline in homicides throughout 2003, while cutting overall Part One crimes by 10 percent for the year. I believe in challenging an organization by setting strategic goals. This challenge will help us focus on the urgently important tasks of cutting crime in every crime category and in every community in the City of Los Angeles.

The pace of change is accelerating in our Department and the momentum is building. I recently made some major moves among commanders and captains...promoting some, re-assigning others to new commands, thirty-seven in all. That's just the beginning. There are more to come. It's important that I have my new leadership team in place before the summer months and the usual peak crime period. I don't make changes just for the sake of change, but to support a very specific set of goals and objectives. I want to work with managers who share my sense of urgency about reducing crime throughout our city. I want the best people in the most critical assignments. I have challenged these new leaders to be

creative, to think outside the box, and to always be asking: "How can we do things better and more effectively?" In dealing with crime I want them to always be asking, "Who did the crime?" "Where are they?" and "How do we arrest them?"

I have also challenged them to lead, not just manage. To achieve their best, police departments and police officers have to be actively led and inspired. At this unique time in the history of our department and our city, we have a limited window of opportunity to make a difference both individually and collectively and to move our organization forward on an agenda of positive change. As long as I am your chief, the LAPD will be a very fluid organization that adapts continuously to changing conditions and needs. I'm asking all of you, commanders and cops, to embrace the change and help propel it forward. Working together we can achieve the goal that Mayor Hahn and the Police Commission have set for us to make Los Angeles the safest large city in the country.

Besides reducing crime, disorder, and fear, which remains our highest priority, there are a number of mid-range objectives we will be focusing on:

Establishing a state-of-the-art Counter-Terrorism Bureau that is not only able to detect and prevent terrorist acts but can also manage the consequences of terrorist attacks should preventive measures fail.

Continuing to implement the Consent Decree, which will be one of the major measures of our success as an organization over the next few years. The Consent Decree can and will make this a better Department. We will comply with its provisions.

Expanding the patrol force, reducing

response time, and providing more pervasive police presence and service. That's a tall order in a city of just over 9,000 cops responsible for policing 470 square miles, but I think we are up to the challenge.

Returning investigations to a primary crime-fighting role in our Department by getting our highly trained detectives out of the business of processing arrests and back into the business of making them.

Maintaining a transparent organization open to public scrutiny and cross-agency cooperation. This certainly means an open working relationship with the Police Protective League and other employee organizations, as well as productive partnerships with a range of police agencies and criminal justice institutions. It also means accepting criticism from the public and accurately recording all complaints made against Department employees. Many of those complaints may be frivolous or even malicious, but we will sort that out in the complaint adjudication process, **not** the complaint intake process.

The LAPD is moving in the right direction. While we've made significant strides in the past six months, we must act quickly and comprehensively to regain control of the streets. In the weeks and months ahead the Department's crime strategy and reengineering teams will be reporting back with their recommendations. My leadership team is fighting to get you the resources you will need to implement them. Your managers — your commanders and captains — are being empowered and encouraged to lead the way. It's going to be an exciting journey for us all.

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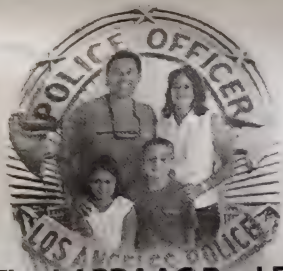
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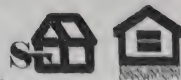
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Letters To The Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters must be limited to 350 words or less. Letters over the limit will be returned to the writer for editing. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.

Dear Editor:

I have always been a firm believer that the court system is not the best way to settle disputes. Recently, the League asked me to help an officer who had been relieved of duty and sent home with no pay. The Department was not alleging any misconduct on the part of the officer. The Department claimed that the officer could not do her job because of a disability. The one problem was that this officer had been doing the same job for five years with the same disability and the same restrictions. In reality, it was the supervisor who didn't like the officer and wanted to get her off of the department.

Tim Sands went to bat for this officer, speaking with Chief Bratton and City

Attorney Rocky Delgadillo. Cooler heads prevailed and the officer was placed back to work. Because Tim and the other directors have cultivated these relationships with the persons who can effect change, matters like this can be dealt with in a very quick and efficient manner.

I really admired the dedication and energy with which Tim went after righting this wrong. It saved the LAPPL a great deal in attorney's fees, which in turn saved the city hundreds of thousands of dollars in their own costs and damages. This is just one of the many ways that I have personally seen the League directors go to bat for League members. Some might say that they are just doing their job, but it is clear to me

that the League and its membership are extremely fortunate to have such dedicated representatives as Tim Sands.

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Rest in Peace, 1st Sergeant Ed Smith

We are saddened to announce the recent loss of a fellow law enforcement officer. Reserve Police Officer Edward "Smitty" Smith was killed in action on April 6th while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Smitty was scheduled to retire from the Marine Corps in December, 2002; however, he was called to military duty in Iraq. He had attained the rank of First Sergeant in the United States Marines Corps and served 20 years of active-duty service, 17 of those years in division recon.

At the time of his death, he was detached to 2nd Battalion 5th Marines 1st Marine Division. Smitty had served three years as an Anaheim Reserve Police Officer. He had been hired as a full-time Anaheim Police Officer, and his appointment to the position was pending his retirement from the Marine Corps.

Smitty is survived by his wife, Sandy, and their three young children. The Anaheim Police Department has established a memorial fund for Reserve Officer Smith's family. Please send donations to Sergeant Edward Smith Memorial Fund in care of Harbor National Bank, 101 E. Lincoln Ave., Suite 125, Anaheim, CA

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If you have any questions, please contact Lt. Craig Hunter, Anaheim Police Department, 714-765-1905.

If you would like to send a card, Anaheim Police Department, 200 S. Anaheim Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92805.

On March 21, 2003, detectives from the Gun Unit, Detective Headquarters Division, received information from Devonshire Area regarding the discovery of a massive inventory of illegal military type firearms and equipment. After a preliminary assessment of the crime scene, Gun Unit detectives secured a search warrant.

Upon serving the search warrant, Gun Unit detectives discovered four large 44-foot storage bins containing numerous military-type weapons, firearm components and equipment. The bins had thousands and thousands of parts to assemble hundreds of weapons to include UZI assault rifles, grenade launcher adapters and various other assault weapons with an estimated street value of well in excess of five million dollars. Additionally, on March 24, 2003, the Gun Unit continued the above investigation and served a second search warrant at the suspect's residence. At this location, two more containers containing similar restricted materials were found.

Detectives worked long hours at both locations to get the massive job of identifying and transporting restricted

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RETIRED: April 17, 1967
DIED: March 18, 2003

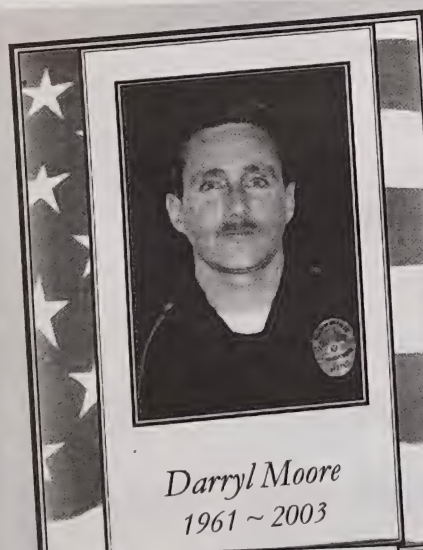
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RANK: Lieutenant
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APPOINTED: March 16, 1949
RETIRED: March 17, 1971
DIED: April 24, 2003

NAME: Richard C. Morgan #14393
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ASSIGNED TO: Metro
BORN: October 11, 1935
APPOINTED: August 11, 1968
RETIRED: August 30, 1997
DIED: April 25, 2003

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NAME: Darryl L. Moore #33174
RANK: Police Officer II
ASSIGNED TO: CTD
BORN: March 2, 1961
APPOINTED: July 8, 1996
ACTIVE:
DIED: April 29, 2003



In Memory Of
Darryl Moore

Start Date
March 2, 1961
Medina, New York

End of Watch
April 29, 2003
Rancho Cucamonga, California

Celebration of Life
Monday, May 5, 2003 at 10 a.m.
SkyRise Chapel
Rose Hills Memorial Park
Whittier, California

Officiating
LAPD Chaplain Steve Hillmann

Final Resting Place
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GOD SAW YOU GETTING TIRED

God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you
And whispered "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
Laying loving hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

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My Prayer For Policemen

Oh Almighty God,
Whose great power and eternal
Wisdom embraces the universe,
Watch over all Policemen and
Law enforcement officers.
Protect them from harm
In the performance of their duty
To stop crime, robbery, riots
And violence.

We pray, help them keep our streets
And homes safe day and night.
We recommend them to your loving care
Because their duty is dangerous.
Grant them your amazing strength and
Courage in their daily assignments.

Dear God, protect these brave men,
Grant them your almighty protection,
Unite them safely with their families
After duty has ended.

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The following poem is dedicated with our deepest sympathy to Central Traffic Division's Office Darryl Moore's family. Darryl passed away on April 29, 2003, he was 42. Darryl lost his fight to cancer brought on by complications due to a long illness. It also expresses the love of his wife Stacey, who along with Darryl's children Nicholas, Sara, Heather, Megan, Alexandra and Jeremy will miss you and on behalf of all the staff and officers of Central Traffic Division, we will miss you too.

Goodbye To A Friend

Once again death has visited our door, no matter where or when death seems to come often now and then.

We will never know the how the why this death had to come by, all we know is the aftermath and think of our own mortality.

We press on, continuing with our work and close our eyes. We cry a tear for our fallen comrade and we bade to him goodbye.

Most of us didn't know him, a few of us did. He served just a little while and always with a smile. He had no reason to frown, he was new, eager to learn, he would go the extra mile.

As many before him, he leaves a void in our lives that will never be replaced. His friendship, his love and understanding he takes. Never realizing his full potential, his life mowed down in the prime of his existence.

Goodbye my friend, goodbye. See you in the hereafter and again we'll try. For now rest in peace and "God" comfort us all as we mourn your passing and keep you by his side, another soldier of peace standing tall with pride.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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firearms and firearm components. The conditions were less than ideal; often the weather in Devonshire Area was above 80 degrees. No one complained, they understood their mission and did not deviate from the goal to process this massive amount of property.

After learning of the intensive crime scene investigation, at times 30 detectives, Scientific Investigation Division specialists, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Special Agents were involved, Los Angeles Police Protective League (PPL) Vice-President Mitzi Grasso volunteered to provide sandwiches and cold drinks for two days

for the involved personnel. Grasso personally delivered the food to the crime scene. In addition to the Los Angeles Police Protective League, the Command Officer's Association, under Captain Jim Tatreau's direction, provided additional food for two days for detectives.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank PPL Vice-President Grasso and Captain Tatreau for assisting detectives that worked the arduous crime scene investigation in Devonshire Area from March 21, 2003, through March 27, 2003. Both of their personal involvement in providing support to the field investigators was greatly appreciated. Their collaborated efforts cannot be understated.

Thank you again for your support.

William A. Fierro, Captain
Commanding Officer
Detective Headquarters Division &
Gun Unit, Detective Headquarters
Division

Dear Don,

You are a man of your word!!

Thank you for taking the time to write those kind words about our credit union in the April issue of the Thin Blue Line. Coming from you directly, I know that the message carried much more weight than if it had been just a message from the credit union.

We really do try to do our best for our members, whether it is in the quality of our service, our rates, our products and services, or our delivery systems.

We have made a concerted effort to

earn our place in the LAPD family of support organizations, and I believe that we have made significant progress in accomplishing that goal. We are most certainly enjoying our growing relationship with the Los Angeles Police Protective League, the Historical Society, the Memorial Foundation, LAPRAAC, and many of the other regional LAPD organizations. As you know, we are once again one of the sponsors of the LAPPL's 21st Annual Benefit Gold Tournament, and happy to be a part of this worthwhile event.

We are proud of our members, and honored to be serving those who "Serve and Protect."

Sincerely,
Stephen M. Endaya
President/CEO

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each other. Neighbors uniting and acting together means that dozens of eyes and ears are ready to pick up on anything happening in the neighborhood that could cause worry or concern. It's not about being nosy or interfering, it's about being a good neighbor and caring about your community.

There is more to Neighborhood Watch than protecting homes and property against burglary. By working together, the community can help reduce all sorts

of local crimes. They can also take action to improve the environment by getting something done about things like vandalism, graffiti, poor lighting and a lack of local amenities. Neighborhood Watch means working together and embodies the theory that no one is alone.

This translates into other areas, as well, and is why I encourage all residents to get involved on some level with our city, whether by serving as a supporter for our police officers in times of need or championing other issues that are important to you. Whether to make a real

change or simply for good karma – what goes around, comes around – community involvement truly does make a difference, and police officers in Los Angeles can be thankful for their support network in all areas of the community, who have banded together to address our concerns and ensure that we can continue to do our jobs protecting the city.

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is quoted as saying, "There can't be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full." Aside from the humor, I think we can all take a lesson from this –

you never know when you will need the help of someone else to lend you a hand in times of crisis or need. We all need someone we can count on – for the community, it is the LAPD and other emergency personnel in Los Angeles who come to their rescue at what may be their darkest times. And for us, it is the community, and the wonderful individuals who will work tirelessly to advance our cause any time, any place. For this, we are thankful, and we are proud to call Los Angeles our home.

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don't just throw spaghetti against the wall to see what sticks, we reach out to all levels of the Department to get input, but especially include patrol officers and detectives whose jobs are most impacted by decisions.

This has been a sketch of what we do, some of how we spend our time and money to improve our officers. In addition, we have a great relationship with Chief George Gascon and Captain Sergio Diaz where we work together to move the agenda to make training more relevant and interesting for you. But we have beat our collective heads (League and Department) against the wall with the POST bureaucrats, who control and dispense the funds in Sacramento.

Background on POST

The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) was founded in 1959, with the passage of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Act. The "Key elements of the POST program included voluntary participation coupled with a unique financial assistance program."

According to POST's mission statement it exists "to continually enhance the professionalism of California law enforcement in serving its communities." It states that the mission is fulfilled through:

1. Cooperation: Law enforcement and public / private partnerships
2. Advocacy: Educate the public about law enforcement's role
3. Advancing Professionalism: Ensure quality, cost effective training
4. Exchanging Information: Establish and maintain an information clearing-house
5. Resource Stewardship: Prioritize needs, allocate equitably and effectively

POST is funded by penalty assessments paid by violators. One of the primary vehicles to distribute funds back to agencies is through the POST Aid to Local Government.

POST Money

To us at LAPD, there are two kinds of POST money. 1. The money we get in our paycheck, the POST Bonus. That money does not come from POST or the state. The POST Bonus money that you get in your paycheck, for having a POST Certificate, comes from the city as part of the MOU. The POST Certificate is like a diploma. You get extra dollars based on your diploma. POST certificates are used because they are universal throughout the state.

Let's say you had a diploma from Cal State Northridge and pretend the MOU gave you an extra \$200 for having that diploma. Would Cal State Northridge pay? No. They awarded you the diploma and the extra pay bonus comes from your employer – LAPD.

2. The second thing we mean by POST money is the POST Training Reimbursement for specific types of training. That money comes from POST to LAPD as "aid to local government" for training expenses.

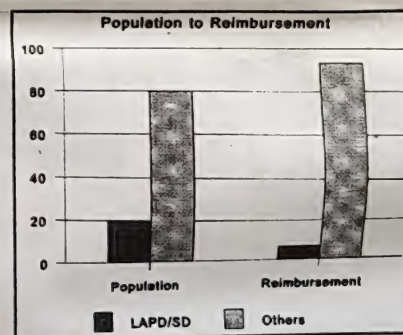
LAPD and LASD Subsidize Training for Most of State

There is a great disparity in the rate of reimbursements to local agencies. For example, in the last fiscal year, LAPD received \$505,957 in reimbursements which is \$54 per officer. In other words, LAPD receives 2.6 percent of the total reimbursements yet LAPD is about 10 percent of California's local law enforcement population.

The LA Sheriffs received \$824,178 in reimbursements which is \$97 per sworn officer. LASD receives 4.3 percent of the total reimbursements yet

LASD is also about 10 percent of California's local law enforcement population.

In the attached chart, the cluster on



the left shows the combined size for LAPD and LASD in relationship to the combined size of the rest of the agencies in the POST reimbursement program.

The cluster on the right shows the combined reimbursement of LAPD and LASD in relationship to the combined reimbursements for the rest of the agencies in the POST reimbursement program.

It is obvious that there is something wrong. So I analyzed the per capita reimbursements by agency. The chart below clearly shows the discrepancies.

LAPD and LASD are the two largest agencies in the state. The cities of Atascadero and Suisun are the median sized cities in the state, in other words, they

are right in the middle of all the 475 cities in the state – numbers 237 and 238 respectively. The City of Isleton with 840 residents and Vernon with 95 residents are the two smallest cities in the state with their own police departments. The counties of Sierra with 3,530 residents, and Alpine with 1,230 residents, have the smallest county populations in the state.

The mean reimbursement for sworn officers in:

- The 10 smallest counties was \$1,117 per sworn officer.
- The 25 smallest cities with their own police department was \$1,064.
- All POST affiliates based on a stratified random sampling was \$558.

Any way you slice it, the distribution of funds is grossly inequitable. It is driven home when we as officers, either individually or as a union, have to pay for our own training, often from our own pockets, while we subsidize someone from Hickup PD to travel all over the state for training. I don't begrudge the other agencies getting funding. It is only fair that they get their share. But I do resent not getting our fair share.

What Can be Done?

Next month, I will address some solutions to this unusual situation.

Agency	Number Officers	Amount Reimbursed	Dollars per Officer
LAPD	9,346	505,957	54
LASD	8,482	824,178	97
Atascadero (27,000)	29	43,621	1,504
Suisun (26650)	27	21,367	791
Isleton (840)	3	3,989	1,329
Vernon (95)	57	59,794	1,049
Sierra (3,530)	10	14,783	1,478
Alpine (1,230)	11	1,618	147

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Five Star Earns Certified Program Honor

Take a great program — the Chrysler Group's Certified Pre-Owned Vehicle Program — and add the corporation's top-notch dealers — Five Star dealers. The result is a program that, although in its infancy, is already winning consumer recognition.

"We're proud to have been named the best domestic certified pre-owned vehicle program in America* by IntelliChoice," said Ray Fisher, DaimlerChrysler Vice President, Fleet and Remarketing. "It validates our decision to offer the best pre-owned vehicles through the best dealers in the Chrysler Group family. That result is a win-win situation for our customers."

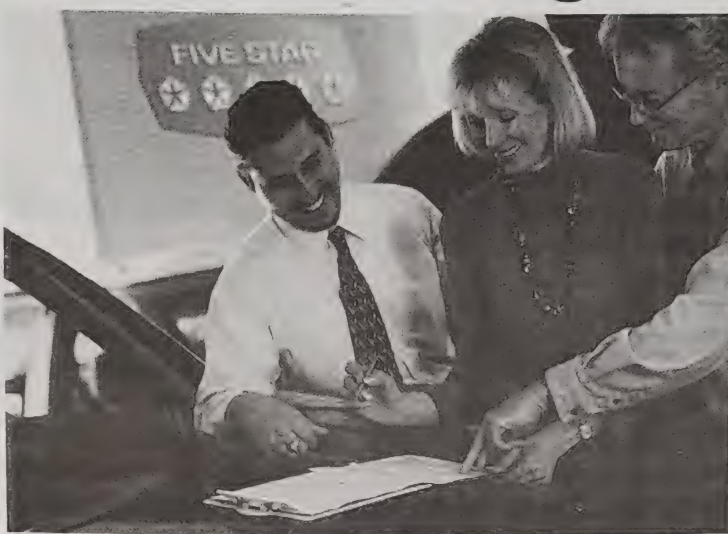
Fisher was referring to a September 2002 review of 23 manufacturer programs by IntelliChoice — an automotive information provider. The company also ranked the Chrysler

Group's certified pre-owned vehicle program the second-best overall non-luxury certified program in America, ahead of such companies as Toyota, Saturn, Chevrolet, Buick, Pontiac, GMC and Volkswagen.

"To be ranked above companies that have been selling certified pre-owned vehicles for quite some time clearly shows we did our homework prior to launching this program. We made sure it contains all of the elements that today's customers want from a certified pre-owned vehicle program," Fisher added.

Available exclusively via Five Star dealers, Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge Certified Pre-Owned Vehicles are a great value for anyone looking for a high-quality, thoroughly inspected vehicle.

"We're very selective about who can become



a Five Star dealer. We're just as discriminating about which vehicles can be considered candidates for our certification. In fact, it's limited to late-model vehicles in excellent condition. If the vehicle is over five model years old or has over 65,000 miles, it's immediately excluded, as is any vehicle without a clean history or title," Fisher added.

Once these vehicles pass the qualification standards, they undergo a rigorous 125-point inspection that focuses

on the mechanical, safety and appearance elements of the vehicle.

"Customers expect us to look at those critical elements. However, even such mundane items as a missing spare key or Owner's Manual will be enough to cause us to not certify a vehicle," Fisher explained.

All Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge Certified Pre-Owned Vehicles are backed by an 8-year or 80,000-mile (measured from original vehicle in-service date) Powertrain Limited

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There's even Car Rental Allowance, which reimburses owners up to \$30 a day should their vehicle be kept overnight for service during the 8/80,000 Powertrain Limited Warranty period.

Certified Pre-Owned Vehicle customers may also purchase one of three warranty upgrades: Added Care, Added Care Plus or Maximum Care for maximum component coverage.

"Making this program exclusive to our Five Star dealers ensures our customers are receiving the absolute best customer treatment. I'm really happy to see an independent outfit like IntelliChoice recognized the hard work of all the folks that helped put our program together. We will strive to make the program even better next year," Fisher concluded.

*IntelliChoice® Inc. (www.IntelliChoice.com) September 2002 review of 23 manufacturer programs. Domestic brands are both originated and based in the United States.

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representative is only an advisor, you are still in control of what you will do. Just make an informed decision.

Second, PRIOR TO BEING INTERVIEWED, is important. A representative after the fact is of little value. Sometimes, the investigator may try to rush you into an interview, but you have a right to have that representative PRIOR TO BEING INTERVIEWED. Use that right.

LEAGUE CARD: ...and ask the following questions.

Sometimes, Internal Affairs will advise you of your rights and Lybarger you. The questions on the League card may then seem to be redundant. They are not. If you ALWAYS read the card exactly as written, you will get the maximum amount of protection. You do not need to worry if the Internal Affairs investigator reads everything correctly. You do not have to understand the different flavors of interviews so you do not need to worry if all of your rights were covered. If the investigator does not answer "yes" to all of the questions, you have uncovered something that needs to be discussed. In short, just do it.

LEAGUE CARD: 1. If I refuse to answer your questions, may I be subject to discipline? 2. Could that discipline be as much as discharge or removal from office? 3. In other words, my statement will be for internal administrative purposes only and will not be used in any way in any criminal investigation or prosecution?

Having these questions answered in the affirmative on the record will leave no doubt that your statement is com-

pelled and cannot be used against you in a criminal investigation. In other departments, this might be called a Garrity warning because it triggers the protection of federal case law.

LEAGUE CARD: 4. Also, my statement will not be used in any manner that is inconsistent with the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act?

This is an acknowledgment that the provisions of the act will be followed. Rights, as mentioned above, that help keep this statement out of state court, or other civil proceedings.

LEAGUE CARD: For those reasons, and those reasons alone, I will give you a statement. I am not waiving ANY of my constitutional rights,...

This is a direct statement that you are not waiving ANY constitutional rights you may have during this interview. It also reaffirms that your reason for cooperating is based on the potential loss of your job if you do not.

LEAGUE CARD: ...however, I will cooperate with any criminal investigation arising out of this incident because case law and the LAPD manual require me to do so upon pain of being charged with insubordination resulting in possible termination.

You are a police officer. It is your duty to cooperate with a criminal investigation and tell what you know of criminal activity. If you do not, you could (and probably should) be fired. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WAIVE YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO DO YOUR DUTY! Here is what the case law says about your status as a police officer and your duty regarding crimes.

"The duties of police officers are many and varied. Such officers are the guardians of the peace and security of

the community, and the efficiency of our whole system, designed for the purpose of maintaining law and order, depends upon the extent to which such officers perform their duties and are faithful to the trust reposed in them. Among the duties of police officers are those of preventing the commission of crime, of assisting in its detection, and of disclosing all information known to them which may lead to the apprehension and punishment of those who have transgressed our laws. When police officers acquire knowledge of facts which will tend to incriminate any person, it is their duty to disclose such facts to their superiors and to testify freely concerning such facts when called upon to do so before any duly constituted court or grand jury. It is for the performance of these duties that police officers are commissioned and paid by the community, and it is a violation of said duties for any police officer to refuse to disclose pertinent facts within his knowledge even though such disclosure may show, or tend to show, that he himself has engaged in criminal activities." Christal v The Police Commission of the City and County of San Francisco, 33 Cal App 2d 564. [Emphasis added]

That being said by the court, the flip side is that your statements are protected from being used against you criminally. The language on the card is designed to keep you from running afoul of a charge of insubordination. The Department recognizes this case law and mirrors it in LAPD Manual section 1/210.47.

1/210.47 POLICE OFFICER'S DUTY TO TESTIFY. Among the duties of police officers are those of preventing the commission of crime, of assisting in its detection, and of disclosing all information known to them which may lead to the apprehension and punishment of those who have transgressed the law. When police officers acquire knowledge of facts which will tend to incriminate any person, it is their duty to disclose such facts to their superiors and to testify freely concerning such facts when called upon to do so, even at the risk of self-incrimination. It is a violation of duty for police officers to refuse to disclose pertinent facts within their knowledge and such neglect of duty can result in disciplinary action up to and includ-

ing termination. Note: Under California and federal law, any testimony or statement made by an officer under administrative compulsion of this policy cannot be used against that officer in any pending or future criminal prosecution. LAPD Manual, 1/210.47 [Emphasis added]

Therefore, if an investigator is conducting a criminal investigation and you refuse to cooperate, you could be charged with insubordination and terminated. Notice that neither the case law nor the manual section require you to be formally ordered to give a statement. According to a fair reading of the language of the case law and the manual section, if an official conducting a criminal investigation asks you a question concerning a crime, you are potentially guilty of violating your duty as a peace officer the moment you fail to answer the question. No "magic words" appear to be required.

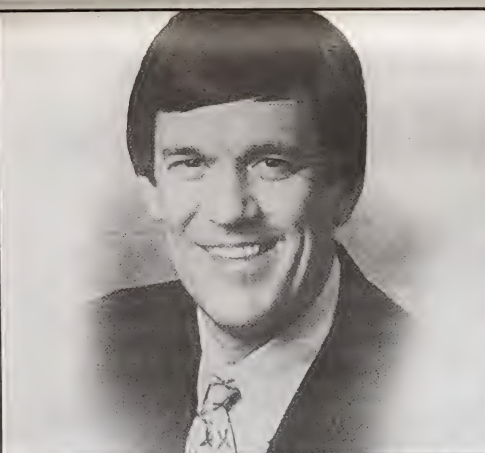
Beware of the "red herring" argument that a compelled statement bars the prosecutor from using your statement to prosecute the suspect in the case. This is total bull, put out by those that are trying to wrangle a voluntary statement from you by using a form of intellectual black mail, ie: "if you don't waive your rights the suspect will walk." The only person on the planet that your statement cannot be used against is you. It can be used against the suspect, it can be used against your partner, it can be used against ANYONE, but you. If that bothers the investigator, it should bother you. You should hear *warning bells* because all the cards are probably not on the table.

Wear Both Vests

Wear the bullet protection vest under your shirt and keep the legal protection vest in your wallet to be pulled out and used whenever you hear legal bullets flying. Lost your League POLICE OFFICER'S RIGHTS card? Need extras? Call 1-866-LAPPL4U. The League will send one out to you.

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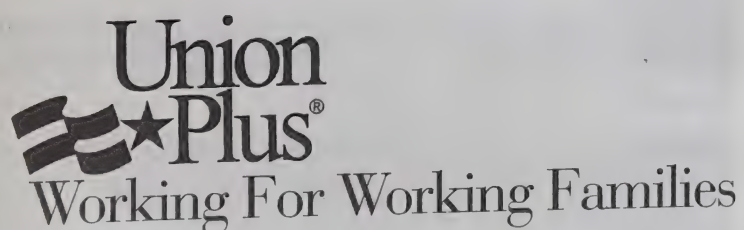
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SPRING REPORT

2003 - 04 STATE BUDGET

ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
COPS Funding	Would reauthorize \$116 million state funding for "Cops on the Street"	In Committee*
COPS Tech Grants 2002	Would authorize \$18 million state funding for purchases of police equipment and technology.	In Committee*
POBR	Would suspend reimbursements for POBR**	In Committee**

* These budget appropriations were actively supported by LAPPL.

** Actively opposed by LAPPL

ASSEMBLY BILLS

BILL	AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	LEAGUE DESCRIPTION	BILL STATUS
AB27	Parra	Extends Megan's Law (Sex offender registration)	Active Support	Assembly Appropriations
AB112	Goldberg	Would limit application of "Three Strikes"	Active Oppose	Assembly Appropriations
AB140	Levine	Increases penalties for evading "police pursuits"	Active Support	Assembly Appropriations
AB187	Runner/Garcia	Protects members of Armed Forces from discrimination	Active Support	Assembly Public Safety
AB359	Koretz	Requires written notification and reasons therefore, to officers denied off duty employment	Sponsored by LAPPL	Assembly Public Safety
AB602	Ridley-Thomas	Increases tax on sale of ammunition	Active Oppose	Assembly Public Safety & Health
AB834	La Suer	Requires complaints shown to be unfounded, exonerated, or frivolous be removed from department's files	Sponsored by LAPPL	Assembly Public Safety
AB933	Reyes	Includes stepchild for special death benefits allowed for children of officers killed in line of duty	Active Support	Assembly Appropriations
AB960	La Suer	Establishes public safety officer - peer support privilege	Sponsored by LAPPL	Assembly Judiciary
AB968	Correa	Creates Workers' Compensation bio-terrorism coverage	Sponsored by LAPPL	Assembly Appropriations
AB992	Koretz	Increases tax on sale of ammunition	Active Oppose	Assembly Health
AB1077	Wesson	Expands ways for filing complaints against law enforcement officers	AMEND	Assembly Appropriations
AB1081	Maddox	Allows officers their own access to files when frivolous lawsuits are filed against them	Active Support	Assembly Floor
AB1119	Wesson	Establishes "Early Warning System" for law enforcement officers	Active Oppose	Assembly Appropriations
AB1198	Dutton	Keeps POST information re: personnel records confidential	Active Support	Assembly Public Safety
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AB1432	Firebaugh	Eliminates statutory double jeopardy concerning conviction by foreign government	Active Support	Assembly Public Safety

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KLEIN'S KORNER

by Judge Ross Klein

If an individual is suspected of driving under the influence, an officer might insist that the person submit to a specific chemical test. This may affect the admissibility of the results at trial.

Vehicle Code section 23612 provides that any person who drives a motor vehicle, and is lawfully arrested for a violation of sections 23152 or 23153, is to be advised of and is deemed to have given consent to, the chemical testing of his blood or breath to determine the alcoholic content of his blood. If either a blood or breath test is not available, or the defendant is unable to complete the test he requested, the person shall submit to the remaining test to determine the blood alcohol content of the person's blood. If both tests are unavailable, the person is deemed to have consented to the chemical testing of his urine and is required to submit to a urine test. (Sections 23612(a)(2)(A), (d)(2)).

If an individual submits to a breath test and the officer suspects that he was driving under the influence of a drug or the combined influence of alcohol and a drug, the officer may request the person to submit to a blood or urine test if there is a clear indication that will reveal evidence of the person being under the influence. (Vehicle Code section 23152(a)(2)(c)).

The individual does not have the right to have an attorney present during the giving of the tests. (Section 23612(a)(4)).

In *People v. Superior Court (Scott)* (1980) 112 Cal. App. 3rd 602, the

defendant was arrested for driving under the influence, and he made multiple requests for a blood test. The officer refused and instead gave him a breath test. The appellate court said that the defendant could not move to suppress the breath test results under Penal Code section 1538.5 because it was not based on an unconstitutional search and seizure in violation of the Fourth Amendment. The defendant was allowed, however, to bring what the court termed a "common law suppression motion." The court held that the breath results could not be admitted at trial for two reasons: one, he was legally permitted to choose which test to take to determine his blood alcohol level and he chose the blood test, and two, the defendant was denied due process of law because he was prevented from obtaining evidence necessary to his defense.

The Ninth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals examined this issue in *Nelson v. City of Irvine* (1998) 143 F 3rd 1196. In *Nelson*, the defendants were arrested for driving under the influence. They claimed that they were coerced into taking blood tests to determine their blood alcohol levels and were systematically denied their statutory options to submit to a breath or urine test. The court found that the Fourth Amendment was not violated and the blood test results were not to be suppressed. The court stated that this ruling applies in cases in which the defendants did not request or consent to a urine or breath test, even if the officers did not advise the defendants or their right to a choice among the tests.

This is to be contrasted with the situation in which the defendant asked for a specific test other than the blood test requested by the officer. Under this latter scenario, if the officer only gave the blood test and did not give a different test requested by the defendant, then the taking of the blood would constitute a Fourth Amendment violation and the results would not come in at trial.

In *People v. Fiscalini* (1991) 228 Cal. App. 3rd 1639, the defendant was arrested after being involved in a traffic accident. He was suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol; he was offered, agreed to, and did provide a urine sample. The arresting officer insisted that the defendant also give a blood test. The court concluded that the giving of the urine test was a "governmental acknowledgement" that the urine test is the functional equivalent of a blood test and was the only test required. The court suppressed the blood results.

If a defendant refuses to give a breath

test, the officer may use reasonable force in having the defendant's blood taken. (*Carleton v. Superior Court* (1985) 170 Cal. App. 3rd 1182) The United States Supreme Court has provided guidelines for the involuntary and warrantless taking of the defendant's blood: The procedure must be done in a reasonable medically-approved manner, incident to an arrest, and based upon probable cause to believe the person is intoxicated. (*Schmerber v. California* (1966) 384 U.S. 757) A person need not already have been formally arrested before his blood is taken. (*People v. Del-toro* (1989) 214 Cal. App. 3rd 1417)

In providing individuals with an alternative to the forcible removable of a blood sample, the Legislature is balancing the person's right to be free of intrusion against that of the state in obtaining the best evidence of the driver's blood alcohol level at the time of the driving. (*Hernandez v. Department of Motor Vehicles* (1981) 30 Cal 3rd 70)

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LOS ANGELES PATROLMAN FRANK E. CORLEY

June 1, 1921—August 24, 1924
"A Hero's Glory"

by Lieutenant John Thomas

Nestled away in the once segregated "Negro Section" of Evergreen Cemetery in Boyle Heights, lay the remains of one of this City's forgotten LAPD African American heroes. Buried beneath a headstone whose words, "Gone, but not forgotten", have long since faded, Patrolman Frank Evan Corley's headstone complete with his photograph in uniform, stands as a monument honoring a life sacrificed in service to others.

According to newspaper accounts from both the Los Angeles Times and the California Eagle newspapers, twenty-nine year old Frank Corley, an African American Los Angeles Police Officer was killed in the line of duty on August 24, 1924.

Born July 14, 1895 in Leesville Texas, patrolman Frank Evans Corley was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Department on June 1, 1921. A World War I combat veteran, Corley had previously earned a living as a tailor before joining the Department. Married, and the father of two children at the time of his death, he would serve the City only three short years before being gunned down while coming to the aid of another Los Angeles Patrolman, Elmer Roberson, during an off-duty officer

involved shooting.

Like Patrolman Charles P. Williams (killed in the line of duty on January 13, 1923), whose African American identity was also unknown until 1998, Frank



Frank E. Corley

Corley's valiant sacrifice adds yet another glimpse into the little known contributions of African Americans in both this City's history and the Los Angeles Police Department's proud legacy of public service.

Upon his appointment to the LAPD, Corley was assigned to Central Division,

which was the only place that black officers were allowed to work in the years prior to the opening of Newton Street Division in 1925. In the year preceding his death, Corley was assigned to Central Traffic Detail where he worked as a traffic officer in the area of Central Avenue and 7th Street. Officer Corley earned a reputation for professionalism receiving numerous commendations for his exemplary service. Earlier that year, he was commended by Chief of Police R. Lee Heath for single-handedly capturing an armed bank robber at the Pacific Southwest Bank at Central and 7th.

It was a warm Sunday summer night in 1924, when a group of "professional" men were engaged in a crap game at the rear of Pierson's Drug Store at 12th Street and Hooper Avenue. One of those men was off-duty LAPD officer Elmer Roberson. During the game, an argument ensued between Roberson and another gambler, later identified as the gunman Luther Bryant. The argument escalated into a physical altercation between the two men. Roberson's firearm fell from his jacket. Bryant recovered the weapon and fired six rounds in Roberson's direction. Roberson was struck three times by the gunfire.

Hearing the gunfire from the street, Corley ran into the drugstore to investigate when he was also shot. A citizen, J.A. Gilmore was also shot and killed. A doctor who happened upon the scene drove Officers Corley, Roberson and Mr. Gilmore to the Receiving Hospital where Corley died enroute. Bryant had fled from the location on foot. He later telephoned and surrendered to police. Roberson would recover from his injuries, but was fired from the Department the following month for Conduct Unbecoming an Officer.

Two months later in a surprising turn of events, the prosecution, fearing an acquittal, offered Bryant an opportunity to plea guilty to manslaughter instead of first degree murder (the original charge). Bryant accepted the deal, pled guilty to manslaughter citing self-defense and was sentenced to only 14 years in San Quentin State Penitentiary.

In the 79 years since Patrolman Corley's untimely death, the dangers inherent to law enforcement in the City of Angels have changed little. Los Angeles has always had its share of violence. Yet, thousands of men and women, black, white, yellow and brown have proudly worn the Los Angeles Police badge of duty and service. Far too many Los Angeles Police officers have, like Corley, sacrificed their lives upholding their sworn duty. It is in this manner as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. often said when looking at the country's racial condition, that "We are all woven together in a single garment of destiny". As Los Angeles Police Officers, let us never forget that singular mission, "To Protect and to Serve" and to do so with dignity and honor as a living tribute to those who sacrificed much to our shared legacy.

Lieutenant Thomas is an 18-year LAPD veteran, currently the Adjutant to the Chief of Police.

Author's Note: I am indebted to Department Commander Secretary Angie Roman, whose volunteer work for the Los Angeles Police Historical Society led to the discovery of Frank Corley's sacrifice. Thank you. I must also acknowledge and thank Lois Ungari, Rick Morton and Latanya Thomas for their contributions.

HEADS UP Law Enforcement Information Update

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Parole/Probation Searches in the Ninth Circuit

Q: Do officers need suspicion to enter

and search a parolee's or probationer's home under the standard condition that permits search without any cause?

For several years, California case law has allowed law enforcement officers to rely on standard parole and probation search conditions to conduct investigative searches and seizures without suspi-

cion or even prior knowledge that the person is "on search and seizure." *People v. Reyes* (1998) 19 Cal. 4th 743; *People v. Viers* (1991) 1 Cal. App. 4th 990. Since 1997, parolees have been required by law to agree to suspicionless search and seizure by any law enforcement officer. Penal Code § 3067.

But the federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals recently held that notwithstanding what California law says, officers may not enter and search a state parolee's home under these authorities unless there is a reasonable suspicion that the search will reveal evidence of criminal activity. *U.S. v. Crawford* (9th Cir. 2003) DJDAR 3170.

Because Ninth Circuit decisions are not binding on California courts, the *Crawford* ruling will not affect the admissibility of evidence in state prosecutions. *People v. Bradley* (1969) 1 Cal. 3d 80, 86. And because state law provides a procedure for litigating Fourth Amendment exclusionary issues, federal habeas corpus proceedings cannot be used to overturn a state conviction on search or seizure grounds. *Stone v. Powell* (1976) 428 U.S. 465. In some cases, the conviction of the suspect on the charges for which he was arrested will bar recovery by federal civil suit under 42 USC § 1983. *Heck v. Humphrey* (1994) 512 U.S. 477.

However, this does not mean that California peace officers may disregard more restrictive Ninth Circuit decisions such as *Crawford*, for at least two impor-

tant reasons: (1) if a parole or probation search results in the recovery of evidence supporting federal prosecution, the Ninth Circuit rulings will apply to the admissibility of the evidence in federal district court, and (2) if the suspect is not convicted of an offense that bars suit by virtue of the *Heck* ruling, s/he can bring a federal civil rights lawsuit against searching officers in federal court, where the Ninth Circuit rulings will determine liability for unlawful search and seizure. Because of the unpredictability of these two possibilities, it is doubly risky for officers to rely exclusively on California law in making parole or probation searches that are not permissible under Ninth Circuit case law, such as *Crawford*.

As it is written, the *Crawford* opinion only relates to entry and search of a parolee's or probationer's home. The extent to which similar restrictions may subsequently be applied to other search and seizure activities will await additional decisions. In the meantime, officers should be aware that the more restrictive Ninth Circuit decision effectively nullifies contrary California case law and statutes, unless and until it is modified or reversed on further appeal.

Heads up: Departmental policies and practices regarding parole and probation searches and seizures should take into account the ruling in the Crawford case, pending further developments.

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Court Orders L.A. Police Department to Comply with 1992 Consent Decree

April 1, 2003, Los Angeles—The association representing Latino officers of the Los Angeles Police Department has won a major court ruling in a ten-year-old struggle to remedy discriminatory promotion practices in the LAPD.

The Latin American Law Enforcement Association (LaLey) has been engaged in a legal battle with the city of Los Angeles arising from a consent decree ordered by a federal court in August, 1992. Known as the Hunter/LaLey consent decree, the judgment arose from complaints that LAPD training and promotion policies and practices unfairly discriminated against Latinos, African-Americans and other minorities.

The Hunter/LaLey consent decree established remedies for past discriminatory promotion practices and required the Department to provide mentoring and training to assist with the promotion of minority and other police officers to LAPD management ranks.

Judge Margaret M. Morrow of the United States District Court ruled in favor of LaLey and has ordered the city of Los Angeles to comply with the consent decree after a decade of legal wrangling in which the city either ignored the consent decree or incorrectly claimed that it was not obligated to comply, due to the passage of Proposition 209, which prohibits racial discrimination in public employment.

A focal point of the dispute is the case of Sgt. Andrew Heredero, a Latino officer, who had been certified for promotion to the rank of lieutenant in January, 1997. At the last minute, Sgt. Heredero's name was omitted from the promotion list. When challenged, the city explained its actions by claiming it was no longer bound by the terms of the consent decree due to the passage of Proposition 209. However, the wording of Proposition 209 specifically states that none of its provisions can invalidate court orders or

consent decrees that were in force before its passage.

Judge Morrow's ruling orders the Department to promote Sgt. Heredero with two years and eight months of back pay, seniority and benefits.

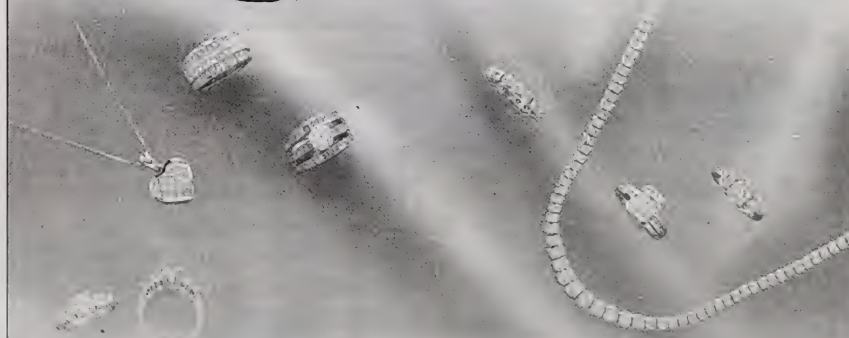
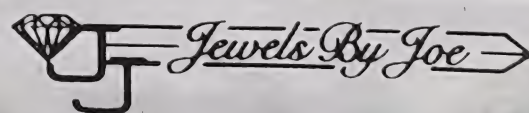
"This is a major victory for all minority officers of the LAPD, not just for Sgt. Heredero," stated Det. III Art Placencia, president of LaLey. "This ruling is official recognition of what we have been arguing for many years, that the LAPD has failed to comply with the Hunter/LaLey consent decree and that the Department remains, to this day, out of compliance."

Beyond the order to promote Sgt. Heredero, the court has instructed the Department to confer with LaLey, and submit proposals to the court regarding how to best make detectives and sergeants more aware of opportunities to advance their careers, such as switching assignments in order to broaden their experience and thereby enhance their prospects for promotion. This was a part of the 1992 consent decree the Department has failed to implement, according to LaLey.

Judge Morrow also ordered the city to submit to a Special Master for the purpose of reimbursing LaLey for the cost of enforcing the consent decree. A demand by LaLey that the city return certain funds that had been donated by LaLey to conduct training programs was settled separately, outside of court, with the city agreeing to return a portion of these funds to LaLey.

Established in 1968, LA LEY was formed by a group of LAPD Latinos to promote the advancement of Latinos in the LAPD. Today, LA LEY advocates on behalf of over one-third of the Department's officers. For more information on LA LEY, log on to www.laley.org or call 323-574-1223.

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Riverside Sheriffs' Association Defends Deputy's Actions in Videotaped Incident

Association President Calls Upon Media and Lawyers to Turn Over Entire Video to Investigators

Riverside, California
May 8, 2003
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Riverside Sheriffs' Association President Pat McNamara issued a statement today on behalf of Deputy Alex Todd and the members of the Association supporting and defending the actions of Deputy Todd throughout the course of Todd's April 28, 2003, encounter with Mr. Francisco Padilla, an apparent undocumented migrant worker, when the Deputy stopped Padilla, reportedly an unlicensed driver. Some part of the encounter was filmed by another migrant worker and the film was apparently given to Telemundo, Channel 52. The station began airing snippets of the film immediately, which attracted substantial interest.

Subsequent news reports in the Press Enterprise in Riverside and the Los Angeles Times indicate that Mexican Consul Carlos Giralt-Cabrales is involved and is trying to facilitate the reentry of Padilla to the United States after Padilla voluntarily returned to Mexico after his arrest. News reports also indicate that Padilla has retained plaintiff lawyers Gregory Moreno and Luis Carillo of Montebello. Carillo is reported to have referred Padilla at a press conference called by the lawyers,

as a "kid of 130 pounds, a sliced-up piece of spaghetti." Carillo said, "...this gorilla (referring to Todd) weighing close to 250 pounds, attacked him." About the incident, Carillo said, "It was completely out of line. I think this particular officer is a rogue officer looking to catch undocumented workers and turn them over to the Border Patrol."

Today's news indicates that the U.S. Department of Justice and the FBI are looking into the matter.

RSA President Pat McNamara welcomed the federal probe, although he expressed complete confidence in Sheriff Doyle's investigative team, and in the integrity of the Department investigation. "No one need worry that the Riverside Sheriff's Department will not do a complete, thorough and objective investigation," said McNamara, in responding to attorney Moreno's prediction that the Sheriff's Department's investigation would not be impartial. "What is the basis for that?", asked McNamara. "Anyone familiar with the disciplinary policies of this Department knows that Mr. Moreno's assumptions are ill-conceived and wrong-headed," McNamara added.

"But," said McNamara, "any investigation of the incident is obstructed by Telemundo's refusal to turn over a complete copy of the video film. If Padilla's lawyers have it, and it would seem they do, they also should make it available for the investigation. Experience in these cases shows that when the media gets a hold of an amateur video of a police use-of-force incident, only selec-

tively-edited snippets are shown to the public, often distorting the truth of what is captured in the entire film segment. That, together with inflammatory commentary by news anchors and by lawyers who prefer to litigate their cases in the public media rather than in an appropriate legal forum, often presents a slanted and sometimes illusory version of what occurred, all of which is most unhelpful."

As to the use of force issue, McNamara said, "Look, state law within Penal Code § 835 provides that peace officers like Deputy Todd are *privileged* to use reasonable force to effect an arrest, overcome resistance and prevent escape. The person being arrested, in this case Mr. Padilla, has the duty to submit peacefully and to *refrain from resisting* the arrest. Apparently, Mr. Padilla did not do that, but instead resisted, obstructed and delayed Deputy Todd in his duties, which, after all, is a crime. That kind of behavior on the part of Padilla permitted Deputy Todd to use any number of reasonable force techniques to gain control of the situation and place Padilla in handcuffs. That is Todd's duty—that is what he is paid to do. Willful resistance to a peace officer is, quite simply, a crime."

McNamara expressed confidence that once the facts are fully developed, Todd's actions will be found to be within the policies of the Department, and that they will pass constitutional scrutiny. Said McNamara, "Our Constitution, within the Fourth Amendment, prohibits an officer acting under color of law from abusing someone's civil rights by the use of excessive force and brutality. On the other hand, our Supreme Court has repeatedly held that the Fourth Amendment is not violated by the use of force which is objectively reasonable, regardless if it is otherwise ugly or unpleasant to experience or to view."

"Amateur video recordings of police arrests involving force or violence are

uniformly not comfortable to witness. Sometimes people are shocked by objectively reasonable and legal police force. The calculus of reasonableness embodies careful weighing and analysis of the totality of the facts and circumstances to determine the lawfulness of the officer's action. Videotaped police encounters, standing alone, are notoriously deceptive without consideration of the entirety of the situation. Those critical facts must be developed by way of investigation. Judging the facts involves reasoned inquiry to develop a thorough understanding of how the event unfolded. No reasonable person, news anchor, politician, police official or lawyer who has a personal interest in the outcome ought to rush to judgment on the basis of selectively-edited snippets of video film. We must let the investigative process do its job. We must resist the tendency to quickly condemn deputies and officers out of a lack of information and understanding. We must recognize that certain individuals and groups may take advantage of the media spotlight to prejudice public opinion against Deputy Todd, who, after all, is not permitted to publicly defend himself at this time," said McNamara.

McNamara says that Riverside Sheriffs' Association, Legal Defense Trust General Counsel Michael P. Stone and Assistant General Counsel Muna Busailah have been assigned to look after Deputy Todd's legal interests and administrative investigatory concerns. "Deputy Todd has the best legal representation available," said McNamara. "These lawyers have been at his side since the event first unfolded, and will remain assigned to his case throughout the process," McNamara said.

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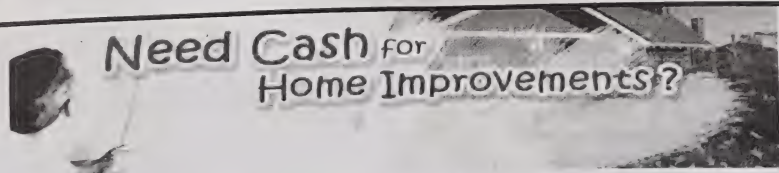
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A Mother's Prayer

By Norma Aguilera
Mother of Benjamin Aguilera, Class 7a-2002

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And he will do the best he can.
For now he's reached another goal,
Lord, keep him safe while on patrol.
A life long dream has now come true,
And now, my son's a "man in blue."
"To protect and to serve" is the job he'll do.
L.A. is lucky because they'll have you.
Protect him behind his badge and gun,
Protect this man, for he's my son.

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Officer Christopher Chavez Recovering at Cedar Sinai Hospital

by Sergeant Michael Apodaca,
Department Wellness Coordinator

Chief Bratton, Mayor Hahn, Police Commissioner Rick Caruso, Bob Baker and Ted Hunt League Directors, and Shaquille O'Neal were just a few of the hundreds who visited Officer Chavez and his partner Officer Leon Maya injured in a hit and run traffic collision.

In the early morning of April 12, 2003, while on a perimeter in Wilshire Division to contain a murder suspect, Officers Chavez and Maya were struck and injured by a hit and run driver. Officer Chavez sustained a potentially

he insisted that he be released to be with his partner and his partner's family. The flow of officers, family, and



Shaq, Mike, Janine, and Anna Chavez, Chris' sister Michelle.



Department Chaplains Father Mike McCullough and Officer Steve Hillmann, Chris' parents Mike and Anna Chavez and his partner Leon Maya presenting gifts for Mass.

deadly head injury and Officer Maya sustained lesser internal injuries. Both of the officers were transported to Cedars Sinai Hospital and treated by Emergency Room personnel. Officer Chavez' injuries were such that several specialists were called in for consultation. It was determined that an emergency procedure was necessary to save Officer Chavez' life and to minimize additional injury which could result from his injury. After more than a week of treatment in the ICU, Chavez had made tremendous improvement, however, he remained in critical condition. It is anticipated that Chavez will be hospitalized for week or even months for therapy and treatment. The good news is that the medical staff believes that Chavez will return to full duty. In most cases a patient with Maya's injuries would have been admitted to the hospital, however,

friends has been continuous. In one visit Chief Bratton met with Dr. Dan Margulies, Director of Trauma Service, Department of Surgery, and Madeline Lerman, RN, Patient Relations to extend his and the Department's appreciation for their outstanding care and treatment of Officers Chavez and Maya as well as the many other officers that they have treated in the past. At the families' request, Department Chaplains Father Mike McCullough and Officer Steve

LAPD Presence in Kuwait

Hi Don,

Attached are some pictures of LAPD officers on active duty in Kuwait. My husband, Sgt. Jim Zourek (Foothill Division) is a Scout Sniper with STA Platoon 2nd Battalion 23rd Marines. They are the only Marine Reserve combat unit overseas right now which means they are pretty amazing guys. Jim is the one in the LAPD cap and Hawaiian shirt. Standing with him is Staff Sergeant Ryan White (Devonshire). The two group shots are all APD officers in H&S Com-

pany 2nd Battalion/23rd Marines. Jim is third from the right in the back row and Victor Lopez (Hollywood Division) is next to him second from the right in the



Staff Sgt. Ryan White (Devonshire) and Sgt. Jim Zourek (Foothill).

Sgt. Jim Zourek



LAPD in H&S Company 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marines.

back row. Staff Sergeant White is dead center in the front row (fourth from right or left). The last photo is of Jim taken two days prior to being deployed overseas. Word has it he'll be home before my birthday on June 4th, so please keep your fingers crossed!

Best,
Andrea Jensen Zourek

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Hillmann, held an Easter Sunday Mass at the hospital. The Mass drew more than 60 people including Chavez' family members, 16 uniformed officers and

a gunshot wound which nearly took his life. The presence of Officer Alvarez provided a special comfort to the Chavez family.

Central Traffic Detectives have focused on a vehicle believed to be involved in the hit and run and are awaiting forensic analysis. Detectives believe following the analysis, felony charges will be filed against the driver.

The family of Officer Chavez wanted to thank all those who have helped Chris and been there for the family during this difficult time. Special thanks go to the Los

Chief Bratton, Dr. Dan Margulies, Director of Trauma Service Department of Surgery and Madeline Lerman, RN Patient Relations, Janine Chavez Chris' wife.

eight Staff Officers. Also attending was Officer Victor Alvarez, Rampart and his mother Maria. In January 2003 Officer Alvarez was treated at Cedars following

Angeles Police Memorial Foundation and the Los Angeles Protective League for their assistance and support.

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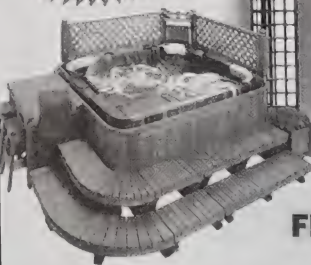
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Los Angeles Police Historical Society "Behind the Badge: the LAPD Experience" Museum and Community Education Center

C. David Dalton, Executive Director
Los Angeles Police Historical Society

The Board of Directors and Staff of the Los Angeles Police Historical Society (LAPHS) are grateful to the Bob Baker, President, and the Board of Directors of Los Angeles Police Protective League for granting our request to submit a monthly article to the "Blue Line."

Someone who was obviously still alive and well once wryly quipped, "The reports of my demise have been greatly exaggerated." Much to my amazement and chagrin, however, I periodically hear reports of similar presupposed fate for the LAPHS Museum and Community Education Center. Not so! It does cause me to wonder, though, how such rumors initiate and proliferate. The answer of course is simple...we haven't done an effective job communicating to our members about ongoing events, opportunities and progress. This monthly article is one of several direct outreach vehicles recently initiated to correct this void in information.

If you haven't yet visited our great facility, you should! Just over two years ago, LAPHS moved into the former

Highland Park Police Station at 6045 York Boulevard, in Highland Park. Built in 1925, the location served LAPD well until it closed in 1983; the Northeast Area Station was then relocated to its present location on San Fernando Road. Boarded-up and essentially abandoned other than for an occasional movie shoot, the building fell prey to vandals and ultimately an arson fire that gutted the interior. The Historical Society prevailed in acquiring the building and enjoined a lengthy, arduous and expensive process of re-design and full restoration. It has now been meticulously restored with significant code-required upgrades.

LAPHS is working non-stop to develop "Behind the Badge: Museum and Community Education Center" into a facility that will make you proud. This history of LAPD is rich and vibrant; it deserves a world-class museum in which our great traditions and history can be showcased properly. Several temporary and loaned exhibits have already been displayed. However, the ultimate objective is to create permanent exhibits broken down into several major categories. Presently, an effort has begun in earnest to fund "Fallen Heroes Tribute," a

gallery designed to depict the courage, honor and ultimate sacrifice of those officers who have died in the line of duty. Preliminary designs have been completed and fundraising has commenced.

In the past year several major changes have occurred. Sixteen community organizations now use our facility as their primary meeting location. After serving the LAPHS Board for the past six challenging years, Steve Kasten, Chairman, has been replaced by Retired LAPD Captain, Thomas G. Hays. Tom completed a 27-year career with LAPD and then went on to serve Paramount Studios as the Executive Vice President, Studio Protection, for 18 years. He recently retired from Paramount and has now taken the reins as LAPHS' Chairman of the Board. Tom has already brought renewed vision and vitality to this key position. The 35-member Board of Directors has been recently realigned, and our 50-member Board of Governors has been infused with new additions as well. Several major events, including an evening to welcome our new Chief of Police, William J. Bratton, have been hosted by LAPHS on site. The exterior of the facility, including the parking areas, have been significantly revitalized as well. One of the major goals realized in the past year was to open the museum gift shop and exhibit spaces one day per week. Every Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM our facilities are now open to the public. Thanks to the cooperation and support of the Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union, an ATM machine has been installed in the main lobby for visitors' convenience.

As you can see, we are a museum "in progress." The key here is PROGRESS - we are making significant daily enhancements for your benefit!

Funding for day-to-day operations is derived primarily from membership revenue and from the net proceeds of the annual Jack Webb Awards. The Tenth Annual Jack Webb Awards Dinner will be held this year on Saturday, June 21st, at the Century Plaza Hotel. Honorees will include Dick Wolf, Producer, "Law and Order" and "Dragnet," and Paula Kent Meehan, President, KenQuest, Inc., among others. Information regarding ticket purchases and sponsor opportunities can be obtained by calling the LAPHS office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at (323) 344-9445, or visit our web-site at www.laphs.com.

Each of us wants to preserve in some significant way our individual "story." We want those who come behind us to know that we were here and that we made a difference. That's what's at stake for you and why it's so important to be involved with LAPHS in creating a permanent repository of our history. There are several ways you can do this. If you aren't already a member of LAPHS, please join. If you can volunteer, even a few hours per week or month, your participating is vital. Visit our facility and bring others with you. Becoming involved in events sponsored by LAPHS. Remember, what you are doing at this very moment is history in the making. Help us preserve the LAPD story for future generations - BE INVOLVED!

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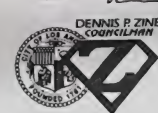
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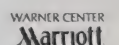
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LEAGUE'S ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR

The 6th Annual College Fair was held in the Police Academy Gym on April 10th. "The purpose of the college fair is to help officers who want to continue their formal education but don't know where to start," said Ted Hunt who chairs the annual event. "Better education and training helps improve our professionalism and image," he added.

Over 40 colleges and universities were on hand to explain to sworn officers and civilian employees about the benefits of continuing their education. An estimated 1,000 officers attended the event.

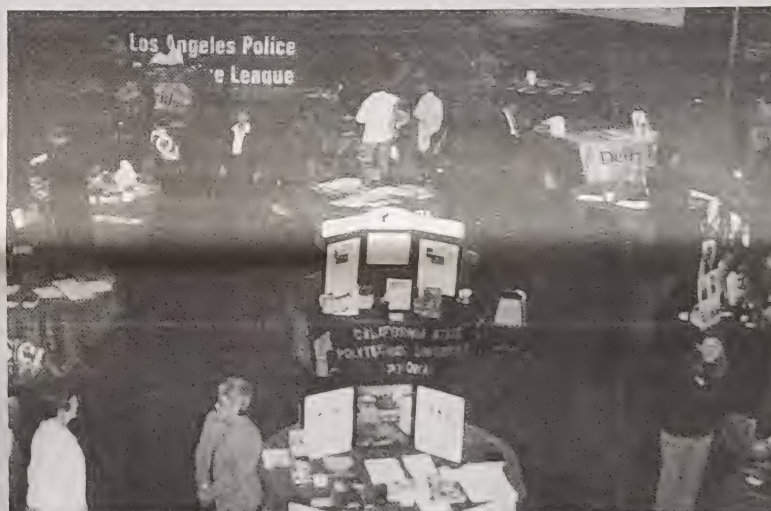


LEAGUE'S ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP TEST



Annual testing for Protective League scholarships was held on April 5th, at the Griffith Park Ranger Station. The topic of the one-hour essay test was ethics and the media. The annual scholarship competition is open to the children of LAPPL members, retired members. This year students competed for a total of \$10,000 in scholarships which will be awarded at the Delegates Meeting on July 1, at the Elysian Park Police Academy.

Ted Hunt, chair of the Scholarship Committee explains the rules for the examination.



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Piazza's Peddlers "Hat Trick" Benefit Bike Ride for Multiple Sclerosis

by Hector R. Feliciano
Rampart Area

On May 3rd and 4th Rampart Area Officers participated in the MS "Palm Springs MS 150 Challenge Bike Tour." This 150-mile bike ride began at the California Speedway in Fontana and ended in Palm Springs. The team, affectionately known as "Piazza's Peddlers," comprised 17 riders including officers from Rampart, 77th, South Traffic and their family members. In order to participate in the event each rider was required to have a minimum of \$250.00 in sponsorship. Piazza's Peddlers raised more than \$4800 in sponsorship money, which was donated to the MS Society and had the second largest team in participation (beat out by only one rider).

In May and October of 2002, Piazza's Peddlers began to participate in the Mul-

tiple Sclerosis events, when Rampart Sergeant Rosemary Piazza had fallen victim to MS. In both events combined, the team raised well over \$14,500 in sponsorship that was donated to the MS Society. Rosemary continues to be a spokesperson for MS throughout Rampart Station; her continuous laughter and smiles keeps the morale of everyone high. She is a source of strength to us all.

This year's event was organized and coordinated by Officer Ramon Barajas, who has participated in the last two events. His support team consisted of the riders' family members, who came out and cheered us along the bike route. They also prepared lunch under the rain at the termination of the first day's ride at Yucaipa Regional campsite.

The riders, Rosemary Piazza, the father and son team of Ed and Craig

Heredia, the Vides Family, Manny, Senia, Bryan and Jason, SEU partners Michael Chang and Dan Logan, Mid-pm Watch officers Woodie Rogers and Andrew Taylor. Watch 3 partner officers Herman Vantwist and Ed Acosta along with Ramon Barajas, Mario Rojas, Hector Feliciano, and of course the "Green Hornet" from 77th, Officer John Redican. This team had to contend with rain and winds, and in some places, little flash floods. But in the spirit of sheer determination, they completed the first day's ride, cold and soaked to the bone.

The second day, the riders were blessed with a clear day. The weather, although cold and in some places windy, took the riders through the Morongo Indian Reservation, past the gigantic windmills and into Palm Springs. Unfortunately we did sustain an injury. While entering Palm Springs, Senia Vides took a fall that required suturing. She however got back on her bike and completed the ride prior to seeking medical attention (Job well done).

Piazza's Peddlers will be participating in their fourth ride when they take on the MS 150 Bay to Bay Bike Tour on October 11th and 12th, 2003. This 150-mile bike ride will begin at Huntington State Beach and end in San Diego (a sight to enjoy). Anyone interested in joining the fun and supporting a worthy cause is



more than welcome. For more information you can contact Sergeant Rosemary Piazza or Officer Craig Heredia at Rampart Area.

Thanks to all that sponsored the riders and graciously gave to a worthy cause.

A special "THANK YOU" goes out to Dana Chang for putting up the team in Palm Desert and keeping us all out of the rain.

Pictures depict "Piazza's Peddlers" Prior to leaving last rest stop before entering Palm Springs. Second picture shows Rosemary Piazza bringing in the peddlers at the end of the bike tour.

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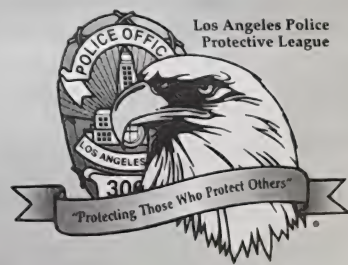
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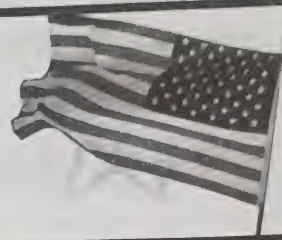
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Past Police Post Meeting

For those "who weren't there," here's who you missed: **Frank Ortiz, Hal Yarnell, Bill Zimmerman, Rick Leiphardt, J.J. Leonard, Clinton Erickson, Emmett Drennen, Rob Welborn, Gail Tam, Sig Schian, Bob Reeves and Fred Lopez**, who has returned to the fold. Welcome back, **Fred. Ken & Audry Axelrad**—this was Ken's first meeting in 12 years. Ken is now retired but when active was an LAPD Reserve Officer for 52 (fifty-two) years. Hope to see you both next meeting. **Marshall Maydeck, Ray Elmer, Robert May, Glen Kailey, Sam Zagoriano and Joe Mueller**. Comrades Rick Leiphardt and Bob Reeves placed the POW/MIA banner on the chair. **Richard Kalk** had other commitments with the LAPD Museum so could not be here. Instead we had **Magan Downing and Kent Wilcox** from Panorama Post 817 fill in for him. They not only cooked a perfect meal, but set up all the tables with place settings, napkins in red, white and blue, silverware and served each person at their seat, refilled your coffee cup. Wow! Also missing was the Commander, who was also at the Museum function and **Dennis Denois**. This was a first. We did not have a Commander, a

First Vice Commander or a Second Vice Commander, but as good legionnaires we carried on and had a wonderful meeting. **Frank Ortiz** filled in as Commander. It figures, doesn't it? All for only \$5 each. If you weren't there, you really missed out.

Americans Called Upon Once Again to Defend Freedom

Literally hundreds of thousands of American military personnel have been called to defend those same American principles that each of us was called upon to defend over the past several decades. Opinions about our current involvement may vary considerably, but the need for each of us to stand united in support of our military personnel is imperative.

Memories may fade to a certain extent, but few of us can forget those feelings of fear and isolation as we were called to duty to defend the principles of this great nation. Those who were dispatched to foreign lands during their service days can vividly sympathize with those assigned to land, sea and air as they begin a unified invasion of Iraq.

Just as we lost friends during those earlier conflicts, now it is our time to pray for the safety of our troops in hopes that their losses are held to an absolute minimum. Those who serve today will become the veterans of tomorrow and those veterans-to-be are the future of this great organization. Pray for their return!

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Making the Rounds on the Internet

A large group of Iraqis are moving down a road when they hear a voice call out from behind a sand dune: "One U.S. Marine is better than ten Iraqis."

The Iraqi commander quickly sends ten of his best soldiers over the dune, whereupon a gun battle breaks out and continues for a few minutes. Then, silence.

The voice then calls out: "One U.S. Marine is better than one hundred Iraqis." Furious, the Iraqi commander sends his next best 100 troops over the dune and, instantly, a huge firefight commences. After ten minutes of battle, again silence.

The voice calls out again: "One U.S. Marine is better than one thousand Iraqis!" The enraged Iraqi commander musters 1,000 fighters and sends them across the dune. Canons, rockets and machine guns ring out as a huge battle is fought. Then silence. Eventually, one wounded Iraqi soldier crawls back over the dune and, with his dying breath, tells his commander, "Don't send anymore men! It's a trap! There's TWO of them!"

Special Days

June 1st, Sunday - "Choir Boys Poker Run for Domestic Violence," 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. sign-in at Yankee Doodles on Victory Blvd. and Topanga Blvd. in Woodland Hills, with Councilman Dennis Zine. The Los Angeles Police Motorcycle Drill Team will perform at 2:00 p.m.

• June 4th, Wednesday - Los Angeles

Police Emerald Society meeting, ol' academy, 7:00 p.m.

- June 5th, Thursday - American Legion National Commander luncheon at "Taix" restaurant, 11:00 a.m.
- June 8th, Sunday - Remember the USS Liberty
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- June 15th, Sunday - Father's Day
- June 17th, Tuesday - Police Post 381 annual steak fry at the ol' academy, 6:00 p.m.
- June 19 through 22, Thursday-Sunday - American Legion Convention in Riverside at the Mission Inn

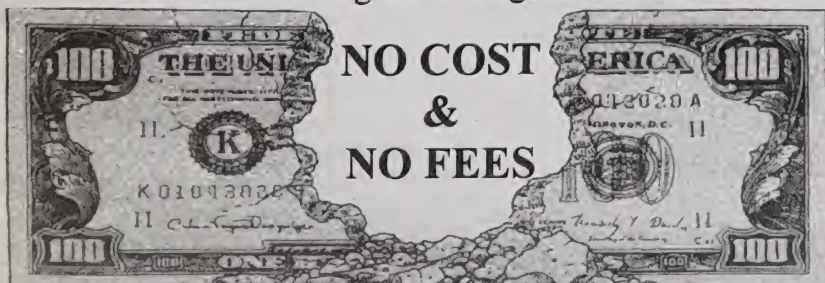
The Next Meeting of Police Post 381

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be June 17th at the academy for the annual steak fry! The normal \$5 donation will be waived for the night. For information on the meeting, please call Cmdr. **Richard Ledesma** or maybe you should call the First Lady **Elvia Ledesma** at (323) 478-0934 or Adjutant **Frank Ortiz** at (626) 331-4271. For anything else, call J.J., (818) 992-1414, even if only for someone to talk to. I'll listen!

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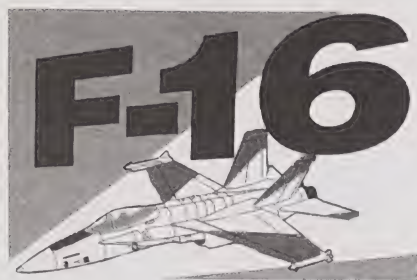


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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Divisional Reporter is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Divisional Reporters may submit one report per Division for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

An audit was conducted by Operations Valley Bureau of officers' productivity by sergeants' dens for deployment period one. Based upon total numbers, OVB determine the following sergeants had an outstanding den recap. They are to be commended for their leadership, motivational skills, and commitment to the department and the community in their efforts to reduce crime. They should be recognized as outstanding

supervisors, relative to officers' productivity—Sgts. **James Reid**, #23653, **Elaine Dewberry**, #22375, and **Gabriel Kearney**, #33992.

All of the officers who work under these sergeants have the highest respect for their leadership, fairness and teamwork. It's great we still have leadership with common sense.

Officers at Foothill Area would like to



Sgt. Cunningham with his wife at the OCB award banquet.

congratulate Sgt. **Cunningham** for Supervisor of the Year at Northeast Division. We here miss his leadership skills, knowledge of the job, standing up for his officers, guide and directing officers toward promotions, fairness, and being a good friend when you need one, a man who cared about his officers. We all truly miss his spirit in and around the station. Again, congratulations on your award.

Foothill Detective

Foothill Detectives are working very hard and long hours with the small staff of over 40 detectives and several of those are on IOD or light duty. These detectives are always working to solve crimes and file cases daily with their small staff. Foothill Detectives' solve rate is still one of the highs in the valley. Great job. Keep plugging away—we will soon get more officers to help out.

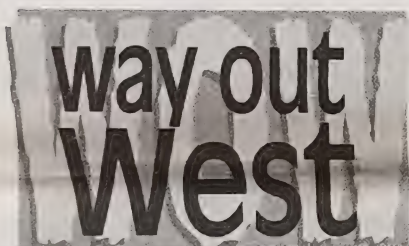
OVB conducted their annual audit and Foothill Area audit was comprehen-

sive, thorough, detailed, well written and clearly articulated the scope and findings of the audit. Lt. **George Rock**, #17672, Sgt. **Michael Deloud** and Senior PSR **Spencer Leafdale**, #An



Happy 41st Birthday to P-3 Mike (Bear) Smith from Terri, with help from her friends she was able to decorate his patrol car, you should have seen his face, it was bright red.

8019, are commended for attention to detail, outstanding writing skills and hard work that ultimately produced an outstanding report.



by Tom Mason
West Valley Division

First of all, let me say best wishes and a speedy recovery to the following officers: **Steve Conner**, who was severely injured in a motorcycle traffic collision in late March, **Annette Scharf** who is recovering at home, **Sherry Biggs**, who is at home recovering from an eye injury, and Sergeant **George Wright**, who is at home recovering from brain surgery. We hope that each one of you get well soon. **Darren Holst** is the proud father of baby boy and girl. Unfortunately, his daughter was not expected to survive soon after birth and she passed away several days later at her home. Darren's love for his wife and family was extremely admirable and our deepest sympathies are extended to him

and his family from his friends and co-workers of West Valley Area.

LAKE DAY, LAKE DAY, LAKE DAY!!! The monthly morale enhancement festival, AKA Lake Day will be held at that sparkling lake of Lake Pyramid. This is an open invitation to all and will be held on Friday, June 6. Arrival time is generally early. If you don't possess a watercraft, feel free to show up and catch a ride with someone else. Just make sure you make arrangements beforehand. We expect to plan a Laughlin or Lake Havasu trip this summer. So be on the look out for the information. We also welcome other water enthusiasts to venture out with us.

USAF Airman First Class **Stephanie Andert**, daughter of Sergeant **Rich Andert** has been in Saudi Arabia since November during Operation Iraqi Freedom. In this small world, Stephanie met a friend on the base, **Jessica Hunt**, the daughter of LAPPL Director **Ted Hunt**. Stephanie and Jessica received a support message from Rich's SLO unit and they in turn sent a picture of themselves for their proud fathers to proudly display.

If you haven't seen our roll call room, which often is standing room only due to its lack of square footage and not an

overabundance of personnel. There is now a forty-five inch projection television to present those ever captivating and scintillating training tapes and chief's message tapes (with subtitles for you non-east coast listeners). I guess the change was the result of the tenured officers in the back row, albeit fifteen feet from the from watch commander's throne, who had difficulty in viewing the old twenty-seven inch television. Now serving popcorn, and with soon to come THX sound, those roll call tapes will be presented in our new "home-theatre." Just don't expect to find a seat.

Scratch, professional, and amateur golfers are welcomed to the 5th Annual West Valley Open on Friday June 20, 2003. Please call 818-756-9406 for an entry form and information. The proceeds from this event go directly to the benefit of the sworn and civilian personnel of West Valley.

Regrettably, we lost a longtime friend and colleague, Reserve Officer **Varley Norton**, Serial No. R0189. Varley was appointed in 1973 and was still an active reserve at the time of his passing. He spent his entire career at West Valley Area and would unselfishly work all hours of the day. A memorial service was held on April 19, at the Academy attended by Captain **Weinstein**, Sergeant **Ralph Morales**, Officer **Marisela Sharrar**, and several West Valley Area reserve officers.

After a short stint and an extremely long commute, we are losing a wonderful person, Lieutenant **Felicia Hall**. She was promoted to lieutenant and assigned to West Valley Area just a short two DP's ago and is now back on the transfer to 77th Area.

Her long drive has now been reduced to one freeway. 77th Area will be the beneficiaries of a person who possesses the positive, outstanding, and leadership qualities that we all want in a supervisor. Felicia, good luck, we'll miss you.

Congratulations to the West Valley Area Baker-to-Vegas running team. They had a respectable finish and did the Area proud by running for the rest of us non-runners. In addition to our own team, several members of the LAPD Women's Running Team that kicked butt, and took an outstanding first place were from within our division. They were **Leslee Rogers**, **Marrisa Frial**, **Trisha Criswell**, **Holly Thomson**, and **Janet Zumstein**. The team's captain, **Sherri Egan**, assigned to the West Valley Area training unit, assembled a team of dedicated women runners. Our congratulations to you and your team members.

APB-If you are aware of an event, an occasion, or a fantastic "copper capper" please either send me an email, leave me a note, or give me a call.

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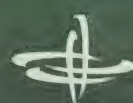
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PLAYA VISTA

BAKER TO LAPD Women Repeat as

San Diego PD Takes Open Division; Metro Fourth

By Lew Snow, Sports Beat Editor

The LAPD Women's Running Team extended its Baker to Vegas Relay unbeaten streak to six by finishing at top of the Women's Category in the 19th Annual Challenge Cup Relay on April 12-13. Eleven all-female teams competed (including one

The Metro Division Red Team, winner of the 1998, 1999, 2001 and 2002 races, was one of the teams decimated by the loss of premier runners. Coach Joe McWilliams' squad finished third in the Open Division and fifth overall with a time of 13:49:40, 37 minutes slower than last year. Except for gusty winds, race conditions were nearly perfect. The early week threat of rain disappeared leaving blue skies and warmer temperatures in the low 80s.



in the 800 category), marking the largest turnout of women runners in race history. The LAPD team finished the 120-mile course in 15:48:20, almost 81 minutes ahead of LASD. Coach Sherri Egan's runners are undefeated since 1995.

All told, just under 200 teams answered the starter's pistol despite homeland security, tactical alert and military call-up issues that played havoc with the ability of many departments to field teams. The race, sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club, started 21 miles north of Baker, CA, and followed a course through the desert to Shoshone, across the mountains to Pahrump, NV, and due east to the finish line at the Silverton Hotel near the southern tip of Las Vegas.

After a long string of second, third and fourth place finishes, the San Diego Police Dept. finally made it to the top of the heap to win its first Baker to Vegas championship. SDPD finished third the last two years and came closest to winning in 1996 with a second place finish 42 minutes behind LAPD Air Support/Training Division.

Just like every other finish this decade, it was a neck-and-neck race to the bitter end. Officer Mark Bennett crossed the line seconds behind long-time second banana LASD Special Enforcement Bureau, but when an airlift delay was factored out of SDPD's time, it ended up with an elapsed time of 13:24:06, more than four minutes ahead of Sheriff Lee Baca's old-timers.

HOW THEY DID IT

LAPD Women's Team

Leg	Runner
1	Kathy Meek
2	Trish Criswell
3	Dalila Vizcarra
4	Leslee Rogers
5	Annette Olivas
6	K. Weigel
7	Mary Kite
8	Julie Carpenter
9	Marcella Piersol
10	H. Thomson
11	Jackie Landsman
12	Maria Perez
13	Tracye Fields
14	T. Gordon
15	Martee Miyakawa
16	Janet Zumstein
17	Sandy Carlisle
18	M. Becker
19	Marissa Frial
20	Brenda Crump

Alternates: Kathy Bell, A. Bravo, R. Chavez, Maria Martinez, X. Morales
Team Captain: Sherri Egan

Among the Race Highlights

OPEN CATEGORY: LASD Men's Central Jail took the second spot, almost 15 minutes behind SDPD. Air Support/Training Division came in ninth.

800 CATEGORY: LASD Special Enforcement Bureau won for the 11th straight time, 74 minutes ahead of Dallas (TX) Police Dept. LAPD Retired shaved 23 minutes off last year's time to come in third.

MIXED: Long Beach Police Dept. grabbed the win when a five-minute penalty bounced Reno PD/Washoe (NV) Sheriffs from the top spot. Rampart came in fourth.

STATIONS: LASD East L.A. won for the third straight year, 45 minutes ahead of LASD Norwalk Station. 77th Street jumped from eighth in 2002 to fourth.

INVITATIONAL: L.A. County Lake Lifeguards also threepeated, a scant 83 seconds ahead of the Orange County Judges. Hollenbeck came in tenth.

INV. MIXED: Albuquerque (NM) Police Dept. beat last year's winner, L.A. County District Attorneys, by 18 minutes. Central Area/Central Traffic/OCB finished fifth. **1000 (301-1000 SWORN):** FBI Los Angeles Bureau repeated as winner, 62 minutes ahead of California State Parks Police.

300 (151-300 SWORN): U.S. Secret Service finished ten minutes ahead of Huntington Beach Police Dept.

150 (100-150 SWORN): Newport Beach Police Dept. beat last year's winner, Orem (UT) Dept. of Public Safety, by three minutes.

99 (99 OR LESS SWORN): Tustin Police Dept. repeated as winner, seven minutes ahead of Colton Police Dept.

The two-day run-fest was capped by a gala awards ceremony on Sunday night at the Las Vegas Hilton. Masters of Ceremony for the evening were the always stunning KTTV Fox 11 News Anchor Christine Divine and the golden-throated voice of KFWB Radio news, Pete Demetriou (a long-time race volunteer). Former L.A. Lakers and Clippers great Norm Nixon was among the special guests.

VEGAS 2003

s Baker to Vegas Winners



John Buckley from the Metro Red Team is LAPD's first runner across the finish line at the Silverton Hotel.



Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell, Ricki Kleiman (Mrs. Bratton), Chief Bill Bratton, and LAPRAAC President Jim Voge paused for a quick snapshot just before runners began reaching the finish line.



Women's Championship Team on finish line with Chief Bratton.



"They went that way" - KFWB's Pete Demetriou gets the 3:30 pm runners ready.



LAPD Athletic Director Tony Adler (center) explains the memorial to Kenny Taniguchi that was placed on every baton. To his left at the 5 pm start is Race Official Dave Welts; LAPRAAC Director Marty Weston is to the right.

L.A.P.D. Women Grab the Brass Ring

By Coach Pat Connelly,
LAPD Women's Running Team Training Advisor

(Pat Connelly is an LAPD Retired Sergeant. He has coached numerous Baker to Vegas Championship teams and this year assisted Coach Sherri Egan in the development of the Woman's LAPD All-Star Team. Coach Connelly has written and published a book on running, Go the Distance.)

The 2003 Baker to Vegas Women's Championship had more on the line than just winning. This year the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club would be awarding 2003 Woman's Championship Rings. The men's champions have always received their coveted "Silver Belt Buckles" and this year would be the first year the women champions would be provided rings. The pressure was on the LAPD to be the first awarded the honor.

The women received a challenge from the California Highway Patrol that the Chippy's were out to get them and they had built and enhanced their team to mount a serious challenge. The L.A. County Sheriff's boasted of a best team and it would be a three-way team race. LAPD women were not at full strength with some outstanding runners opting to run on division teams rather than qualify for the all-star team. The day before, the situation

was not helped when team qualifier **Sherri Biggs** developed a serious eye infection and had to drop off the team. Veteran alternate runner, **Annette Olivas**, replaced Sherri. Annette was the first to say she was not in racing condition.

The starting time west of Baker, California, was set at 5:00 p.m. Meet Director Chuck Foote placed all the three outstanding women teams on the same start to make the competition fair and exciting. Veteran runner **Kathy Meek** had the responsibility of leading off and setting the stage for what was to come over the next 120 miles. It was her job to pace effectively, run smart and have the LAPD Women in position to challenge for the lead early in the evening. With the temperature hot, sun in Kathy's eyes and the wind blowing hard across her face, the gun sounded and the race was on. Kathy ran as instructed, keeping her pace slow the first mile and gradually building to the end of her 5.5 mile leg. She beat half of the 30 runners made up of men and women.

Tricia Criswell, a basketball and soccer team player, moved out with a long powerful stride behind the CHP and LACS teams. Coach Connelly, riding in the support vehicle, cautioned her about starting out too fast and she quickly settled down into a conservative and disciplined pace. Before long, she passed the sheriff team and quickly passed the CHP women. Tricia, running with a painful foot injury, never looked back as she added precious distance over her competitors. By the time she handed off the baton, she had caught all but two of the starting teams in her heat. **Lily Vascarra** took the baton from Tricia and knew she was running the most difficult leg of the race, the third leg. Lily was honored with the most difficult section because she displayed so much talent, speed and discipline in the time trials. She worked the 8.2-mile mountainous uphill leg like she was jogging around the Academy track. She passed all teams in front of her and by halfway the LAPD Women were number one in the 30 teams that



ely runner and follow vehicle
Ibex Pass with the majestic
re Desert in the background.



San Diego PD's Mark Bennett crosses the finish line giving SDPD its first-ever Baker to Vegas victory.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Lou Koven
Burglary Auto Theft Division

By the time this article hits *The Thin Blue Line*, Burglary Auto Theft Division (BAD) will just be a fond memory to those of us assigned here. The Department transfer came out combining both BAD and Financial Crimes Division (FCD) together to form the new Commercial Crimes Division (CCD). FCD is the formerly well known Bunco-Forgery Division. Before BAD fades into the past, I will give you a brief history of Burglary-Auto Theft Division that was passed on to me when I first came here over nine years ago.

Prior to October of 1966, when Burglary-Auto Theft Division (BAD) as we know it today was created, the division was located in Room 302 of Parker Center. It consisted of three sections. The Burglary Section was comprised of detectives who were assigned to burglary, receiving and theft crimes, which occurred in Central Division. The Burglary Special Section, which had

citywide jurisdiction in certain instances, was composed of the Safe, Residential, Commercial, Receiver and Junk Details, with one lieutenant and ten detectives. This section conducted burglary-related surveillances and investigations. It acted as a liaison between divisional detectives and outside agencies involved in burglary related crimes. The Auto Theft Section was comprised of detectives assigned to handle auto-related crimes that occurred in Central Division.

In October of 1966, the Commercial Auto Theft Section (CATS) was created to combat the ever increasing citywide problem of sophisticated auto thefts. The first two detectives who transferred into the unit were from Newton Division. They were the first to be assigned citywide jurisdiction of big rig thefts.

In August of 1969, the detectives who handled Central Division Crimes and Pawnshops, were transferred to Central Detectives. Burglary Special Section and Commercial Auto Theft Section remained. The division had also moved to Room 319 in Parker Center.

In May of 1971, the detectives assigned to pawnshop inspections in the geographic divisions were reassigned to the newly formed Pawnshop Section. At the same time, the Junk Detail was moved from Burglary Special Section to the Pawnshop Section. This completed the metamorphosis of three sections

until the '90s.

In December of 1993, the state funded, multi agency Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention (TRAP) was established to address the increasing auto theft problem. The detectives were chosen and assigned to BAD and sent to work the various TRAP teams. The BAD personnel assigned to TRAP consisted of a lieutenant, eight detectives and five police officers.

In May of 1998, due to the increasingly violent nature of criminal activity, the Violent Crime Special Section was added to address South American Theft Groups and other organized theft rings. The Section consisted of the Organized Theft Unit (OTU), the Field Enforcement Element (FEE) and the Cargo/Hijack Unit (CHU), which had a lieutenant, seven detectives and eight police officers. CHU was later moved back to the CAT Section.

On May 3, 2003, Burglary-Auto Theft Division went EOW, for the last time. Farewell BAD, I've enjoyed the ride.

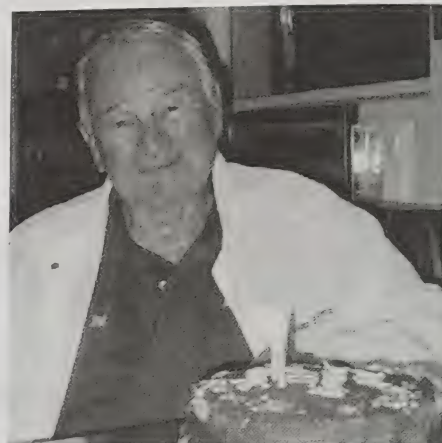
Retired Officer Turns 80

On March 28, 2003, retired LAPD Policeman **Bill Rombal**, #4916, turned 80 years old. Nowadays, that may not sound like an extraordinary fete, but Bill is not your usual character. Bill came on LAPD in September of 1947 and retired October of 1967 from Parking and

Intersection Control. Monday through Friday in the early morning hours you can see Bill at the Academy working out. Bill cross trains between the

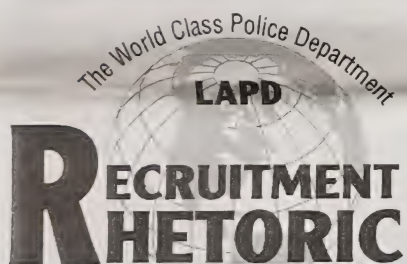


Bill with his regular workout mate, Robby Welborn, Serial No. 6982, retired from the Northeast Detectives in June 1980.



Bill with his birthday cake at the Academy Café.

weights, walking and racquetball. Bill is still working as a sales rep for Knapp Shoes.



by Officer Mark L. Horton
Recruitment Section

So Long, Farewell

Recruitment and employment division would like to say so long, farewell to the following officers who have done

a tremendous job in backgrounds. P-2 Officer **C. Lopez**, #33340, who will be going to WLA Division; P-2 Officer **G. De Los Reyes**, #27580, and P-2 Officer **M. Gomez**, #31658, going to Risk Management; P-3 Officer **S. Castro**, #26287, going to ACU (Abused Child Unit); and P-3 Officer **S. Hazelwood**, #24400, going out to Devonshire Division. Thank you for all of your hard work and good fortune to you all in your future endeavors.

If those aren't enough officers leaving, we will also be losing a supervisor by the name of Sgt. 2 **Ed Palmer**, #24886, who was summoned by Cmdr. **Mark Perez** over in Employee Relations. Sgt. Palmer was tasked with

revitalizing the recruitment staff and creating graphics for our new Recruitment van. I might also add that it is equipped with a Little Sound System:

Welcome Aboard

Welcome and congratulations to P-2 Officer **Binnie Phan**, #34238, who transferred to Recruitment from Central Division. Officer Phan will also be receiving her MPA—Masters of Public Administration—on 6/14/03, from Cal State Los Angeles.

In addition, Recruitment Division would like to give a warm welcome to P-3 officers **Tony Jackson**, #31904, and P-3 Officer **Alicia Hajewski**, #24098, both of whom have come over from

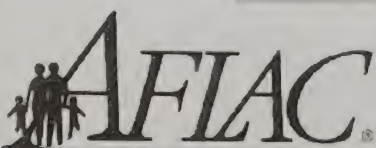
DARE Division. We would also like to welcome P-3 Officer **Darryl Scales**, #31323, who comes over from Wilshire Division. Going over to Backgrounds is P-3 Officers **S. Juarez**, #26657, and P-3 Officer **D. Cecil**, #22215. Welcome to the RED Team.

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North Hollywood News

by Angie Hougen
North Hollywood Area

Congrats to our B/V Team

This year's North Hollywood Baker to Vegas team had seven runners who were running their first B/V race. It was quite

a challenge, and the team really came through. A few experienced runners ran their personal best as well. The team placed 10th in the Mixed Division. Congratulations to all our runners- Tom Zak, Miriam Cooper, Alex Martinez, Ed Dominguez, Maria Frommling, Esther Vasquez, Mike Snowden, Ed Herrera, Ed Camacho, Mike Perez, Eric Bonner, Gary Pugliese, Martin Higuera, Heath McElwee, Craig Suzuki, Matt Williams, Miguel Mejia, Monica Klein, Chris Frus, and Betty Jefferis.

The unrecognized folks are always the support team. So many support people are on the course for hours, driving,



Baker to Vegas MVP Pam Mojarro.

helping the runners, stressing about being awoken at 5AM, and picked as a last minute "alternate" (sorry about that Mojarro). Thank you to our team captains and everyone who came out for support- Jay Acevedo, Anthony Ares, Molly Beall, Doug Bowler, Hyung Cho, Reuben Derma, Art Hernandez, Angie Hougen, Tito Mariscal, Pamela Mojarro, Marc Pooler, Nancy Reeves, Irma Salazar, Bob Schlesinger, Carl Taylor, and Jerry Theaker.

Captain Crosley's Farewell Party

There are so many reasons that people want to come to North Hollywood. The work we do, who we're working with,

and then finally, who we're working for. Captain Crosley always shows concern and interest, which makes him approachable. He has a work ethic that inspires, and brings out the best in his people, as well as the community. In



Captain Crosley's farewell party.

short, he's made North Hollywood a memorable place to work, and for many, a difficult place to leave. Which is why at the Captain's Farewell party, for every "best wishes", there was a "we hate to see you go". Thank you for all you have done. Your experience and skills in Narcotics will serve well.



Baker to Vegas Awards Party.

What About Wilshire?

by Sgt. "Bobby" Smith
Wilshire Division

2003 Baker to Vegas Relay Race

We were among the 215 teams and 10,000 runners, support personnel volunteers and spectators that descended upon the Mojave Desert cities of Baker, Shoshone, Pahrump and the bright lights of Las Vegas to participate in the 19th running of the Baker to Vegas Challenge

Cup Relay.

Despite pre-race jitters, injuries, cancellations and anxious moments, we placed 14th in the Open Category and 31st overall. We were the fastest geographic area and the third fastest department team.

With the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station winning the Station Category, we remain the only department team to have won the category.

Congratulations to the San Diego Police Department—this year's overall winner of the event.

Officers Injured by Hit-and-Run Driver

Early Saturday morning, April 12, a minivan drove past a crime scene at Beverly Blvd. and Heliotrope Drive striking Officer Christopher Chavez and Officer Leon Maya. The minivan struck the officers with such force that the passenger side mirror was sheared

off. The driver of the minivan sped off.

Officer Chavez was seriously injured and underwent surgery, including an induced coma to decrease brain activity and minimize injury. Officer Maya was treated for an injury to his foot and internal injuries. Both officers are the subject of our prayers for a speedy recovery.

According to recent statistics, the number one cause of officers killed in the line of duty is traffic accidents. Sixty-five (44%) of the 147 officers killed in the line of duty during 2002 were as the result of traffic accidents. Fourteen (22%) of the 65 officers were struck by automobiles while outside their police vehicles.

Don't become a statistic!

Employees Honored

The following personnel were select-

ed as Employees of the First Quarter, 2003: Sgt. Sean Karmody, Det. Humberto Fajardo, Officer Steven Henry, Officer David Budek, and Senior Clerk Typist Bertha Melgar.

Department Reorganization

Under Chief Bratton's comprehensive plan of reorganizing the department, we lost both Capt. Kirk Albanese (Foothill Area) and Capt. James Craig (Southwest Area). It was fun!

We look forward to continuing our crime fighting efforts with Cmdr. George Ibarra (Personnel Group), Capt. Richard Wemmer (West Los Angeles Area) and Capt. Patrick Findley (Hollywood Area).

This report is closed in the memory of Volunteer William "Bill" Ashley.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Marie Kardiban
Central Division

Attention! Motorcycle Riders

On Sunday, August 3, 2003 the Central City Police Boosters in conjunction with the Community Relations Office will be sponsoring the 1st annual Charity Motorcycle Run.

All funds raised at this charity event will benefit the Central Area Youth Programs and for Crime Prevention activities. The event will include stops at Glendale Harley Davidson and key locations in the Los Angeles area, lunch, an event pin for the first 500 riders, silent auction and a chance to win many prizes donated by the business community. The run will start and end at the academy in Elysian Park. Afterward enjoy an afternoon with a BBQ lunch, live entertainment, bike enthusiast vendors and displays from the Los Angeles Police Department and city entities. Don't miss out. You don't have to ride a motorcycle to join the fun. Tickets can be purchased for the live entertainment, lunch, and prizes only. The cost for this event is single riders \$35.00 and with a passenger \$50.00. This will include an event pin for each rider, lunch, live

entertainment, and prize drawing tickets. Non-riders can purchase tickets for \$10.00, which will include lunch and one prize entry.

Please support our youth programs at Central Station. This event is tax deductible and will be a great way to spend your Sunday helping our youth in downtown Los Angeles.

For further information or sign-up sheets, please contact Officer Marie Kardiban at (213) 847-0248. We would appreciate and encourage everyone to pre-register.

Jim Huggins and Eddy Zelaya

Officer's Huggins and Zelaya responded to a R/C "415 man with a



Officers Eddy Zelaya and Jim Huggins.

gun" at the San Julian Hotel, Room 6. As they entered the hotel they smelled a strong odor of marijuana in the hallway. As they stood in front of the room it became obvious that the marijuana was emitting from within the room. The Officers knocked at the door and when a female opened the door, they observed a

male laying on the bed with several scales, zip lock baggies, and a cigarette lighter on the bed where the he was laying down.

During their investigation inside the room, they observed numerous contraband that was in plain sight. The room was secured pending a search warrant for the location of possible hidden contraband inside the room. The search warrant resulted in the seizure of additional contraband and money. Overall over 7 lbs. of marijuana, 1/2 lb. of rock cocaine, and \$3500 cash was seized.

I would like to recognize and commend Officer Huggins and Zelaya for a job well done.

Centrals Picnic

Don't forget to mark you calendar for this year's picnic on Saturday, September 6th at the academy. This will be another wonderful event for the whole family to enjoy. If you would like to help out during the event or assist on the picnic committee, please contact Officer Marie Kardiban or Sgt. Mike Hargreaves in the Community Relations Office for further information.

Scholarship Awarded

Congratulations goes out to **Melanie Stranak** daughter of Officer **Steven Stranak**, who was chosen by the Central City Police Boosters to receive a \$1500 scholarship award donated by the Korean American Garment Industry Association. Melanie graduated from high school with a 3.8 grade-point average. She has an immense passion for law, but has yet to decide what area of law she would like to practice. She has chosen three top law schools in California: Loyola Marymount, Pepperdine and La Verne. Eventually, after law school she would like to explore her options outside the law



Melanie Stranak.

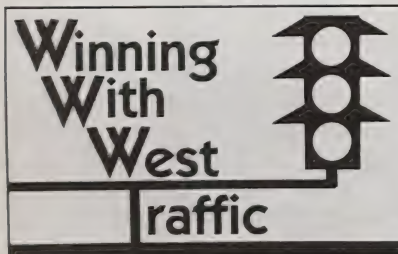
offices. Ideas of political participation such as the senate have run through her mind. She would like to teach at the university level, and give back what was given to her. Although, she knows that her passions lie in learning the law and going to law school, she has not chosen a specialty field and is leaving those options open. Law school isn't just for those who want to be lawyers; it can also open doors to many other unexpected opportunities. She feels with her determination and the passion that lies within her, she will become a successful woman and a benefit to society.

Good by to Captain Charlie Beck

We wish you the best on your new assignment to Rampart Station. It has been an honor to work with you. Our loss is their gain. They are lucky to have you and all of Central Personnel will truly miss you.

Congratulations!

Captain **James Rubert** on your promotion to Captain III. I would also like to welcome back **Blake Chow** as our new Captain I.



by Sgt. Stephanie Krajchir
West Traffic Division

Ins and Outs

Welcome back to **Stacy French** (hope you enjoyed your loan to Communications!), **T. Robinette** from Transit Bus, **S. Coleman** from Transit Rail, and Motor Officers **D. Clifford** and **M. Norling** from VTD, and **A. Castro** and **D. Panameno** from STD.

Congratulations

Emmanuel Sanchez is the proud

father of a healthy baby girl born April 16th - 9 lbs 4 ounces. Mom **Rosa** and the rest of the family are doing great. Don't forget Manny, we have our divisional inspection on the 23rd so we expect you back by then!

Additional kudos go to three of our finest for completing the recent motor school. This is one of the toughest schools taught by LAPD and everyone in this recent class graduated. Congrats to our own **Tim Marks** and **Rolf Knuth**.

Lastly, even though she is now assigned to WLA, she is still part of the WTD family and lots of high fives go to **Bridgette Robinson** for becoming one of those new motor officers. If you didn't see her mug on Channel 9 news, she has made history by becoming the first LAPD African American female to make motors. Way to go Brig!!!!!!

Sports

Our basketball season has ended and

now we're giving a go at softball. **Mike Tomelloso** and **Dorrick Davis** have coerced, I mean enticed, a variety of players for this season. We have golfers, basketball players, football players, skiers and motocross enthusiasts. Does anyone really play softball? Our first game against Pacific looked like the Bad News Bears definitely not playing in the Field of Dreams. Hey it was our first game and we had to get the kinks out - and we did with three injuries as the final count. **Lori Real** got nailed as pitcher and we had a few dropped balls in the outfield. But **Martha Plata** was awesome at second and had a superb play at third base as well. Just wait until our next game!!!!!!

Special Recognition

This month's special recognition goes to our **Deuce Task Force** team. Led by Sgt. **Chris Kunz**, these eight highly motivated officers ride their wheels off

everytime they come to work. Their mission is to reduce A and K traffic collisions through aggressive enforcement action. Even though the unit has been borrowed on many occasions to assist in violent crime suppression, the team has racked up some very impressive statistics for the year 2002. Overall they apprehended over 1200 DUI drivers and were each rightfully recognized at the March 2003 MADD awards. **Carlos Mercado** led the unit with 257 arrests, followed by the rest of his compadres **Pedro Benevides**, **Alex Izquierdo**, **Patrick O'Dea** (Bradshaw), **Scott Koegel**, **Doug (Willie) Workman**, and **Tim Rolsen** - each with over 100 to over 200 arrests. Two other individuals to mention include **Mark Hammond** who recently retired, and our only non motor officer, **Ray Kim**, who had 106 himself and received MADD's Century award. Truly outstanding work by all!

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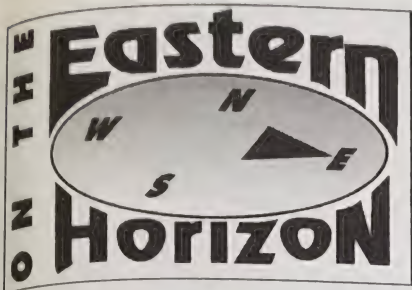
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by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

Happy June, everyone. Just a reminder that June 15th is Father's Day. For those of you lucky enough to still have your Dad, honor him and let him know you appreciate him. For those of you lucky enough to be a Dad, **Happy Father's Day.**

...and Speaking of Fathers:

I am happy to announce that Officer **Steve Carlos** has joined the father ranks. Actually, he became a father twice over, as his lovely wife Lisa gave birth to twin baby boys. The double whammy occurred on March 21st, with little **Nikolas Jiovanni** arriving first at 12:53, followed by **Aidan Jacob**, who made his presence known at 12:54. Steve states that everyone is doing well, including himself, despite the double every-three-hour feedings. Steve and Lisa, congratulations on your family additions and we wish the new arrivals a lifetime of health and happiness.

...and Speaking of Twins:

Sgt. **Tony Silva**, not to be outdone,

wanted me to tell you about his twin granddaughters. **Ashley** and **Alyssa Hindelang** entered this world on January 8, 2003 at 8:35 and 8:36 respectively. The very proud grandfather is enjoying spending time with his beautiful little girls, although he says he has trouble



Proud grandpa Tony Silva enjoying his lovely twin granddaughters.

telling them apart. Tony, congratulations and may you enjoy those lovely bundles of joy for many years to come.

...and Yet Another Baby:

It seems that the stork never stops visiting Hollenbeck personnel. I think that bird should just set up a substation here. Officer **Ricardo Bartoldo** and his beautiful wife **Aracely** are the proud parents of a bouncing little baby girl. Little **Emily** joined the Bartoldo household on April 24th at 8:56 a.m. Emily joins big brother **Jake**, who I am sure will watch

over his baby sister. Rich and **Aracely**, congratulations and we wish you nothing but the best.

NOTE: Detective **Michael Sullivan** is also a new father. I will have all pertinent information for you on the next issue.

Baker to Vegas:

Congratulations go out to the Hollenbeck running team, who placed tenth in the invitational category at this year's Challenge Cup Relay. The finish earned Hollenbeck a much-desired mug. Congratulations to the runners who participated and a big thanks to all support personnel. Let's do it again next year.

A Change in Command:

We extend a big Hollenbeck welcome to Captain **Bill Fierro**, who replaces Captain **Paul Pesqueira** as Hollenbeck Area Commander. Captain Pesqueira is now assigned to Harbor Division. Captain Fierro, welcome to the great eastside. Captain Pesqueira, thank you for your guidance and leadership while you were assigned to Hollenbeck Division and good luck in your new assignment.

Welcome:

A welcome hand goes out to Lt. **B. Girmala**, coming to us from Hollywood, after being promoted from Sergeant 2. We also welcome Sergeant 2 **W. Eddens**, in from TBD. Sgt. **T. Kim** is now assigned to Hollenbeck, following a stint at TRD. Officers **T. Keefer** and **K. Sion** come to us via TBD while P-1

J. Han is in from the Academy. We welcome all of you and we are sure you will find Hollenbeck an enjoyable place of assignment.

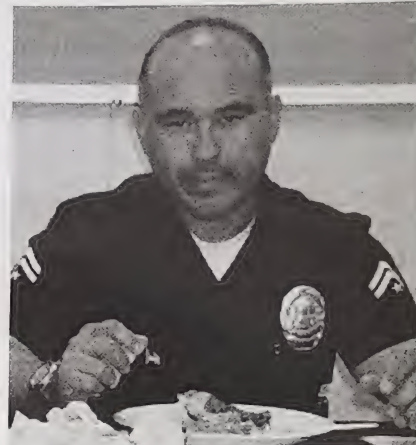
So Long:

Leaving Hollenbeck in search of greener pastures are Lt. **G. Ryan**, now assigned to West Valley Division and Officer **Josie Sokolis**, now at ESC. Good luck to both of you on your respective new assignments.

Que Paso:

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, **Steve** "sawed-off" **Morales**. No short jokes here please!

See you all next month. Until then, stay safe and keep up the professional-



Steve Morales doing what he does best; eating Pollo Loco and scowling.

ism that has made this the greatest police department in the entire world. ♦

First to Know, Last to Go!

Department Command Post
& Communications Div.

by Lt. Chuck Mealey
Communications Division and the
Department Command Post

Communications Division celebrated National Dispatchers Week during the week of April 14. The week was full of events which included all the officers assigned to the Department Command Post. Food, fun, and recognition, were the order of the day. We had visits from soap opera stars as well as **Kent McCord** from the Adam 12 television show. Communications personnel were honored at a City Council meeting as well as visits to all the roll calls by Chief **Bratton**. The open house which was held on April 16 drew over 300 guests (mostly police officers) who toured the new Communications facility.

Communications Division personnel (sworn and civilian) participated in the Baker to Vegas Relay. The team may have not been the fastest but they were sure the **most** organized. Thanks to all who assisted with the race particularly Senior PSR **Cathy Sotos**.

The Department Command Post which has been under the supervision of the Department Commander will now be under the Operations Coordinator (new name). We would like to thank Commander **Maislin** and wish him well in his new assignment. We welcome Captain **Baca** as the Operations Coordinator. We would also like to welcome Sgt. **A. O'Neil** from Pacific beach detail (Oh no! ! just before Summer starts). He has, however, been given a



Officer Chere Craig gives her son James some dispatching tips during "take your son/daughter to work day."

"warm" welcome from Communications Division personnel.

Good Bye

Sgt **Craig Brown** is off to IAD (Professional Standards Bureau) after doing a great job in Communications. ♦



"Adam 12" Kent McCord with Sgt. Greg Allen and retired Lt. Ted Steiner.



"Adam 12" Kent McCord gives a hand at police dispatching.

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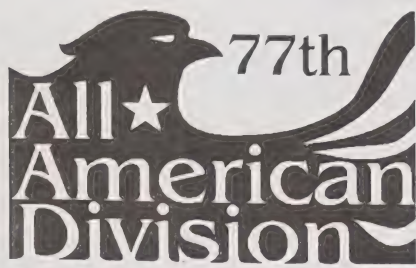
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

Whew, Tickets Please

There is a new ride at 77th Street by the name of Cmdr. **Jim Tatreau**. Congratulations on your promotion, Sir! Everyone knows that it has been a long time coming!

Also new on the home front is Capt. **Ronald Eutsey**, who will be in charge of our Detective section. We look forward to working with you gentlemen.

In-house business: Sgt. **Nina Brown** got her rocker and will be assigned to Vice. This is one that has been a long time coming, too! You go, girl!

A fond farewell to Capt. **Jim Bower**, who has been reassigned to LAX Field Services Division. It has been a privilege and pleasure, Sir. Everyone was sad to see you go! Thanks for the continual support and respect you displayed towards your personnel. You are not only an outstanding captain, but our friend.

If you ever want to come by and visit, we always have a crime scene or perimeter going on. We promise to have a cup of coffee waiting for you! Ha! Sorry, could not resist!

We also took another hard hit when Lt. **Bill Eaton** left us and went to Hollywood Vice as a Lieutenant II. Congratulations on your promotion, Sir!

Don't you be a stranger to your family just south of the 10 Freeway.

You Can Run, But You Can't Hide...We are 77th Homicide

On February 14, 2003, at approximately 0750 hours, 77th Street Homicide Detectives **Chuck Tizano**, #21682, and **Manny Santoyo**, #27643, were southbound San Pedro Street approaching 105th St. in their unmarked vehicle.

As if they did not have enough work on their plate, they observed a young male Hispanic being beaten by two individuals. In an attempt to assist this individual, they had no idea that they had just rolled up on a robbery in progress. As the detectives tactically deploy, one of the subjects observes the detectives and they both began to run. As senior detectives of a mature age, they follow one of the bad guys in their vehicle. It then becomes necessary to pursue this suspect on foot, so the detectives are off and in foot pursuit.

During this foot pursuit, *both subjects* meet up and the foot pursuit continues. Det. Tizano gains ground on one of them and this subject is taken into custody without incident. It should be noted that Det. Tizano sustained a broken right hand during this apprehension.

During this entire incident, the community becomes involved in the apprehension of these individuals and the second wanted individual is taken into custody as well. Both had serious rap sheets and were righteously filed on by the District Attorney's office. (Gee, was there a possibility of a guilty verdict?)

Detectives Tizano and Santoyo are to be commended! Congratulations, guys!

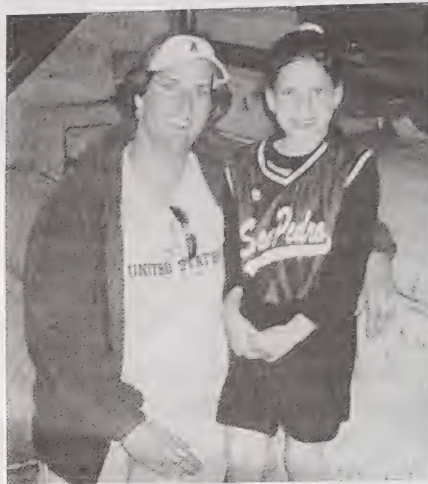
Your lieutenant looks at you two as detectives whose performance and experience mirror the way for patrol and investigative personnel!

77th Divisional Picnic

The date is set for Saturday, July 12, 2003, at the San Pedro Harbor Pistol Range. It promises to be a good time for all! Tickets will be on sale in the Watch Commander's office.

Harbor Pistol Range Sends an Angel

On April 18th, Mariah A. Marquez, the niece of SLO **Maria C. Marquez**, was invited by the "Anaheim Angels" baseball team to represent the San Pedro



Mariah and Maureen Marquez.

girls league. This is the softball league that has played at our qualifying range for years.

Mariah was able to partake in warm-up field time, introductions and the singing of the National Anthem with the team. Thank you, "Angels," for allowing this LAPD presence on your field.

Who's Your PSR?

She has your back and she works in a position that allows you to say "hello



overtime." Who is this wonderful person?



David Alexander-Rockne Navarro. Born Nov. 21, 2002 to mom Norma Delgado.

All About the Father

June 15th is coming up fast. One of the best things about this job is listening to you guys talk about your children. I hope your kids know how lucky they are. Don't forget to thank the one

who set the example for you on this day. Have a great Father's Day!

And talk about a proud papa. Officer **David Navarro** recently brought in quite a few photos of his new son, David Alexander-Rockne. *Sounds like a Notre Dame tribute to me. The little Irishman* was born on November 21, 2002, to David and Norma Delgado. Congratulations!

That's it for this month. Stay safe and have fun!



by Lynn Hunter
Pacific Division

Finally, here's a photo of Kiana Suzan Nelson, born to **Jeff** and **Suzan** on 10/30/02. She was 7 lbs., 7 oz. And 21



inches long. Is this about the cutest thing you've ever seen?

Keep in mind the Pacific Area summer picnic to be held August 10, 2003 (the day after my 55th birthday if anybody cares). The picnic will be at Will Rogers State Beach. Details to follow next month.

Det. III **Peter Waack** turned 55 on April Fool's Day this year. As you can see, we had a little birthday party for him. Sixty-six people included six



retirees. For those who didn't get invited, I'm sorry. When you get that many people signed up just from the squad room, it gets a little intimidating! We filled the room. Pete was completely surprised, thanks to the ability of his family to keep a secret.

Sgt. **Mark Pompano** and Lt. **Dick Mossler** are not turning their backs on each other lately! (And I'm not getting in between them!)

Help! My co-writer, PII **April Carter**, is leaving me for West L.A. She should know that doesn't let her off the hook for roasting! Guess what, April: No, I'm not going to do it. April, thanks loads for all your help. You were indispensable in writing this article, and I don't know what I'm going to do without you. You can credit Dick Mossler for talking me out of roasting you. He appreciated you too much to allow it. See what you're leaving? Are you sure you want to go? (But still—watch your back.)

Speaking of which...PIII **Peggy Thusing!** You're on the hot seat this month! Pacific's own "Lara Croft," Peggy's an awesome cop having saved a three-year-old boy from a burning vehicle in 1992, receiving a gold 10851 award, surviving an attack when a suspect opened fire on her in Imperial Courts with an AK47, 200+ commendations, Officer of the Year. It goes on and on. She's an expert in counterfeit sunglasses, so all you cops with fake Oakleys, watch out! She's a member of the original LAPD Blue gold medal softball team. As a senior member of Pacific's Beach Detail, she was also there to rescue J.J. the whale in 1997. She volunteered to work the Winter Games in SLC, Utah, believe it or not, in the ice skating events, despite her permanent tan from Venice Beach.

Did you happen to hear her on the Discovery Channel? That was her claim to infamy when she was conducting an OP on narcotics suspects. It's really not a good idea, Peggy, to swear that much on national television! To take the blame off her, however, she was screaming for a chase officer she couldn't get hold of—Officer **Bacon**. She kept yelling, "Bacon,

Bacon, Bacon!" Now every time she walks into a restaurant, they bring her plates of bacon. I think there's a doggy bowl somewhere at the Venice Substation with her name on it, too. Peggy's such a nice, quiet, private person I don't know how she's going to take to this roast. So, thank you "KS" for the input!

Also running away from Pacific are Sgt. I **Don Deming** to Sgt. II at South Bureau. Duck! Sgt. I **Adam O'Neill** is going to Communications. You can't escape it this time! PIIIs **Dan Cecil** and the Pacific/LAX permanent fixture **Steve Juarez** are both going to RED. PII **Darren Ehrenburg** is going to 77th. **Anthony Espinoza** and **Daniel Vasquez** are going to Harbor. **Robert Lanigan** is going to STD.

Those coming in are Sgt. II **G. Romo** from TRD, Sgt. I **Edward Hale** from CB, and Sgt. I **Daniel Talbot** from TBD. PIII **Dave Love** is coming from DARE. A whole slew of PIIIs are coming from TBD: **G. Alaniz**, **N. Ayson**, **M. Hernandez**, **M. Jaime**, **D. Jones**, **E. Kim**, **T. Kimrey** (he's back!), **H. Lomelin**, **D. Nolan**, **D. Petersen**, **S. Pierce**, **M. Ramirez**, **K. Ratliff**, and **B. Stallworth** (also returning). From TRD are PIIIs **R. Brown**, **A. Cox** and **K. Penunuri**. Recruits coming in are **R. Kutscher** and **T. Pintane**. Would you believe 366- serial numbers!

Several outstanding officers got well deserved promotions from PII to PIII and will stay here: **Paul Aeschliman**, **Kristen Koskelin**, **Robert Wade**, **Stacey Witty**, and **Blake Budai**.

Southern Tip

by Cumbia Cop
Harbor Division

Ins, Outs, and Ups

Transfer Order #5 is out and we've got all incoming folks this time around: in from Transit Rail Division were Sgt.1's **Jeff Bratcher** and **Bernadette "Bernie" Torres**; from Narcotics Division with an upgrade from P-2 to P-3 was **Javier Arenado**; from 77th Division were P-2's **Ruben Martinez** and **Maria Diane Tippet**; coming from Pacific Division were P-2's **Anthony Espinoza** and **Daniel Vasquez**; from Personnel Division was P-2 **Arturo Urrutia**; from Southeast Division was P-2 **Andrew Dorcas**; from South Traffic Division was P-2 **Joe Covarrubias**; from Southwest Division was P-2 **Eric Johnson**; from Transit Bus Division was P-2 **Elbert Hughes**; from Training Division-Recruit was P-2 **Matt Maffei**; from Wilshire Division was P-2 **Dennis Soltwedel**; from West L.A. Division were P-2's **Margaret Henry**, **Christina Higuera**, and **Scott Nakasone**. And fresh from the Academy, brand new P-1 **Aaron**

Fougere. Welcome and congratulations to each and every one of you.

Weddings and Babies

Wow! It must be the air in the guys' locker room, because we have a bunch of proud new fathers. Congrats to you and your families, I think I am gonna buy stock in the diaper market.

First, P-2 **Gil Carranza** and wife **Sandra** are proud parents of "**Deziree Lynn Carranza**", born April 10th, 2003 at 1136 hrs. Deziree weighed in at 7 lbs., 7 oz., and was 19 inches long.

Next, P-2 **Donny Eldridge** and his better half **Sylvia Ruiz** witnessed the birth of their brand new baby girl "**Tyler Brooke Eldridge**" on April 13, 2003 at 2004 hrs. Tyler weighed in at 7 lbs., 5 oz., and was 19 inches long.

Thirdly, P-2 **Gregg** and wife **Judith Jacobus** gave birth to baby boy "**Carter James Jacobus**" on April 17, 2003 at 0350 hrs. Carter weighed in at 8 lbs., and was 21 inches long.

Lastly, P-2 **Eddie Yoon** and his wife **Claudia** welcomed **Nathan Paul Yoon** to their world on April 24, 2003 at 0745 hrs. Nathan weighed in at 7 lbs., 5 oz., and was 21 1/2 inches long.

I wanted to mention a happy occasion for P-3 **Jerri Snell** and P-2 **Tony De La Torre**, who were happily married on March 21, 2003 in Napa Valley. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Tony De

La Torre. Many thanks to "cub" reporter P-2 **Terri Williams**, for getting the scoop.

Ride of Honor

First, I'd like to say that our Bike Detail here in the Harbor is by far, one of the best in the city. They are all hard working and always enthusiastic about arresting bad guys, as well as making time to participate in off duty benefit events for various community and law



enforcement groups.

On April 17, 2003, the Harbor Bike Detail, along with the Harbor SLO's, participated in a memorial bike ride "Ride of Honor", dedicated to the memory of a fallen law enforcement officer. The participating officers donated their own money and time to set up the 71 mile ride from the steps of the Anaheim Police Department to the gates of Camp Pendleton in Oceanside.

The Ride was for Anaheim Police Department Reserve Officer **Edward Smith**, who was a career Marine Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, scheduled to retire in June 2003, after 20 years of service to the USMC. His plan was to then become a full-time Anaheim Police Officer. After being sent to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom, he was leading his troops into Baghdad when they were pinned down in a five hour firefight. Unable to continue advancement, Ofcr. Smith took a position to lay down cover fire for his troops, and his troops were able to retreat safely. However, Ofcr. Smith gave the ultimate sacrifice with his heroic actions, and succumbed to injuries from return gunfire by the enemy. Ofcr. Smith leaves behind a wife and three children.

The law enforcement family of the Los Angeles Police Department and Harbor

Division honors a man that gave his life for his country and community. On April 29th, 2003, a commemorative plaque was presented to the Anaheim Police Department in his honor, from the Harbor Bike Detail.

In Closing

As usual, all I can tell you is that while you're out there, be safe, be smart, be sure, and keep on dancing. ❖

Baker to Vegas

This year's Baker to Vegas Devonshire team was involved in a minor technicality, which I will not go into for fear of being beat up by the team's captain, Bob... Well, I'll let you readers fill in the last name. Aside from that, the team was comprised of some of the best runners in Devonshire. Capt. **Joseph "Shoot me if I ever run again" Curreri** was in the run, as always, leading by example. **Louis "Desposito Mami" Cabrera** and **Ingrid "This is too cool" Langrehr** also ran. The rest of the team was made up of fine Devonshire officers who can be considered some of the best runners around. They were Officers **Daniel Garcia**, **Malissa Rossin**, **Bryan Dameworth**, **Dale Tagliere**, **Mathew Clymer**, **Brian Calicchi**, **Efrain York**, **Joe Gonzalez**, **Benedict Fernandes**, **Nicholas Abbinanti**, **Edwin Rosin**, **Steven Franssen**, **Jason Beatty**, **Robert Luna**, **Stephen Gomez**, **Cesar Contreras**, and **David Neville**. Two individuals that stand out are Dameworth and Garcia. Dameworth is currently the fastest runner in the LAPD. He passed all the other runners in his leg, making it look like he was enjoying a Sunday drive in the countryside. Garcia is the most inspirational officer ever to run the race for Devonshire. He received a medical pension from the Department and after some complicated surgeries was told he would never run again. Well, he proved everyone wrong. With sheer guts and determination, Garcia not only returned to full duty on the Department, he ran the race and finished his leg.

A New Baby Girl to the Devonshire Family

On March 19, 2003, Officer **Demetrio Mendoza** became a happy daddy when his wife, **Jennifer Mendoza**, gave birth to their baby girl, **Aramis**



Mendoza. Mommy and the baby are doing fine. In the picture, **Demetrio** is seen holding on to his little bundle of joy. As you readers can see, I am no longer running away from officers who want to give me baby pictures. It seems that they have figured out how to outsmart me, which shouldn't take anyone much effort to do. **Mendoza** got the picture to me by slipping it under the door to stall #3 in the upstairs restroom. It had a sticky note attached to it that read:

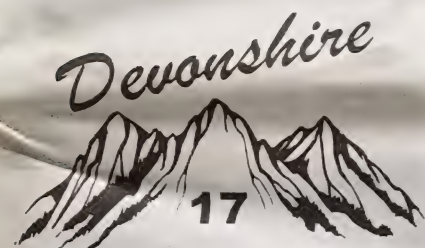
"Put this in the *Blue Line*. I just took a picture of you."

A Big Welcome to Our New Divisional Commander

We recently received a new "Big Boss Man" to head the Division as the new Area Commanding Officer. Cmdr. **Valentino Paniccia** has joined the Devonshire family. He is a 35-year veteran of this great Department, having been appointed in 1968 when I was three years old. Cmdr. Paniccia seems to be in excellent condition, as I am already bugging him to compete in future bench press contests. Everyone's favorite captain, **Joseph Curreri**, did not leave us, as many feared he would. He is now the Patrol Captain. Devonshire now has two great individuals that are of the troops and for the troops.

Devonshire Picnic

Just a friendly reminder, Devonshire's picnic will be held on Saturday, June 21, at the Elysian Park Academy. ❖



by Sgt. Rudy Santos
Devonshire Division

Semper Fi

"American forces have been victorious. The Iraqi army has been defeated." No, this was not Baghdad Bob speaking at his new job at the State Department. It was news flashes heard throughout the nation. American forces displayed valor on a regular basis. This great nation's sons and daughters fought valiantly and in the middle of the war was none other than some of the LAPD's finest. On April 9, 2003, Devonshire Division Officer **Ryan White**, a staff sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, was wounded during a battle in the heart of Baghdad. Officer White was hit in the foot by gunfire, but his injury was not life threatening. Officer White has returned to the United States and is recuperating at home. We wish him the best and hope to see him soon at Devonshire. To all of our fellow officers who went above and beyond the call of duty by serving their country in this time of war, we salute you! As to our own Officer **Ryan White**, you are the best of the best. Not enough can be said about your sacrifice to serve your country while leaving a wife and daughter behind. You are what makes this department and the United States military second to none.

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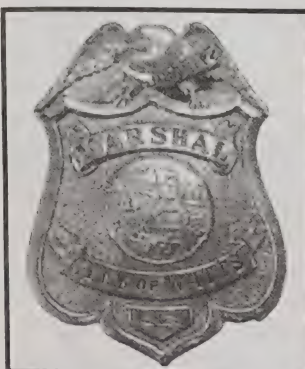
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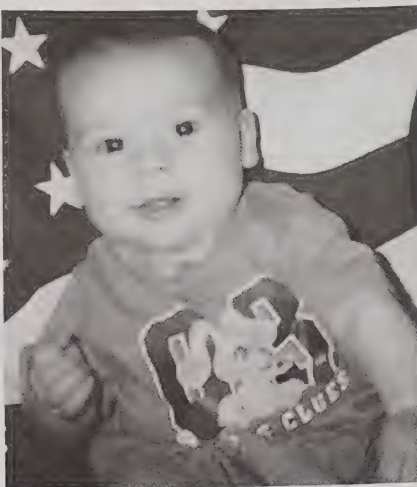
by El Payaso
Southeast Division

Runner's High

Congratulations to this year's Baker to Vegas Running Team for a great performance in this year's relay. Our team placed 7th in the Station Category with an overall time of 16:18:25 and was ranked 59th out of a field of 198 teams. Special thanks to Team Captain PIII **Sonny Garcia** who did an outstanding job of organizing and fundraising so that the team could make the trip. Also deserving of a big pat on the back are the members of the support team who kept our runners motivated and safe throughout the relay.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to proud new daddy, Det. **Oscar Gamino**, and his wife on the birth of their son, Matthew, who was born April 8th at 1830 hours. Matthew weighed in at 5 lbs., 5 oz. And measured



Big Boy Matthew Ryan Williams, Son of PII J. Williams.

21 inches. A definite NBA prospect!

PII **Joy Williams** and her husband, Manny, also welcomed their own little bundle of joy, Matthew Ryan. This heavyweight contender came in at a solid 7 lbs., 14 oz. And stands 19-1/2 inches tall. Matthew was born October 2, 2002. Yes, I know it's late, but it took that long for Joy to give me a picture.

PII **Jeanette Santos** and her husband, Jerry, also have a shiny new little boy. Daniel Joseph (AKA

Charlie Brown, Jr.) was born November 26, 2002. He weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. And measured a sturdy 20 inches tall. Daniel's interviewing with the NFL next week.

Heads-Up Detectives

On April 16, 2003, Southeast Patrol officers responded to a sexual assault investigation radio call. The victim stated to the officers that early that morning a male black she believed to be her boyfriend's cousin, raped her at knife-point then choked her until she lost consciousness. Prior to her leaving the location, the suspect threatened to kill the victim if she told anyone of what had occurred. The victim did not know the suspect's full name, only that he was a Rollin' 60s gang member named "Jimmy" and known by the moniker "Insane."

Det. **C.C. Ryder** of the Southeast Sex Table was called in to handle the case. Det. Ryder went to work immediately on identifying the suspect, which she was



PII J. Santos with shiny new Daniel Joseph.

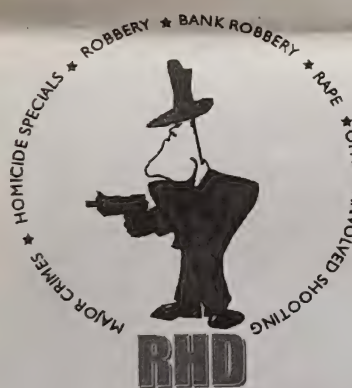
able to do later that day. After obtaining a photo and a positive identification of the suspect by the victim, Det. Ryder presented the case to the District Attorney and quickly obtained a warrant for the suspect's arrest.

On April 23, 2003, Detectives **Ryder** and **Carreras** (the Wonder Twins) were conducting a follow-up to the suspect's residence when they observed the suspect walking westbound on 103rd near Avalon Blvd. After forming quick tactical, our heroes conducted a pedestrian stop of the suspect. Det. Ryder quickly put the suspect at ease by telling him that a robbery had just occurred in the area and they just wanted to verify his identity and make sure he wasn't involved. The suspect calmly submitted to a search of his person and even gave Det. Ryder his California I.D. Our heroes then arrested the suspect and a dangerous predator is no longer walking the streets of Southeast.

Makin' the Moves

A fond farewell to PII **Dorcas** who is southbound to Harbor Division.

Welcome aboard to: PII **Hale** from WLA, PII **Budek** from WIL, PII **Piro** from SW, PII **Hetzler** from STD, PII **Skett** from DEV, PII **Watson** from HWD, PII **Stone** from RAMP, and the long list of folks who are joining us from TRD and TBD, PIIs **Yanez**, **Yamzon**, **Villarreal**, **Thornton**, **Nava**, **Martinez**, **Kelly**, **Jones**, **Borja**, **Alcaraz**, PIIs **Taglieri** and **Washington**, and last, but not least, Sgt. **Colombia**, and Sgt. **Berglund**.



by Det. Marcella Winn
Robbery Homicide Division

Commendable Incident

Detectives **Raymond Hernandez** and **Darryl Maxwell**, Robbery-Homicide Division, Robbery Special Section, (RHD/RSS), provided the following. On January 2, 2003 at approximately 0800 hours, Officers **Schneider** and **Senkel** of Van Nuys Division responded to a home invasion robbery involving Police

Impersonators. The victim reported that she was outside her residence moving her vehicle, when four male, Hispanics approached her on foot, and identified themselves as Los Angeles Police Officers. The suspects told the victim they were going to search the residence for drugs. Once inside the residence the suspects awoke her two sons and handcuffed everyone. The suspects ransacked the residence, taking over \$28,000.00 of money, property, and jewelry.

The suspects utilizing this modus operandi would commit three more robberies in Valley Bureau. In all of the robberies the suspects would wear a black utility vest with LAPD written on the back of the vest, with black police type boots, an earpiece in their ears with a radio attached to the waistband. The suspects would also utilize a dark colored vest with FBI written on the front of the vest.

The subsequent investigation revealed that the vehicle used in one of the robberies was rented from Enterprise Rent-a-car. The suspect **Narciso**

Orellana rented the vehicle utilizing his true name and address.

Detectives from RHD along with Detective **J. Gerardi**, of North Hollywood Area, Operation Support Division, Robbery Section, showed victims of the robberies photographic six-packs. Suspects were identified and detectives from Detective Support Division, Special Investigation Section, were asked to assist in this investigation.

On March 10, 2003, Detectives from Detective Support Division, Special Investigation Section, apprehended seven suspects in three different vehicles, as they were enroute to commit a Police Impersonator home invasion robbery in Foothill Division. All the suspects were armed with semi-automatic weapons, security type badges, ballistic vests, handcuffs, and walkie-talkie radios.

RHD/RSS would like to take the opportunity to thank the many detectives and the personnel from Enterprise Rent-a-car for their assistance in apprehending these dangerous and violent

suspects.

Congratulations/ Comings and Goings

We at Robbery-Homicide Division would like to congratulate **Captain Jim Tatreau** for his promotion to Commander and Lieutenant **Clay Farrell** for his promotion to Captain. These promotions are well deserved. Congratulations and good luck in your new positions. You will truly be missed. Also, we like to thank Officer **Al Neal**, from Metropolitan Division, who was on loan to RHD/RSS for approximately six months. Thank you for your assistance in the many investigations that you were a part of, and good luck on your return to Metro and your future promotion to Sergeant.

We also like to welcome **Captain Al Michelena**, from Financial Crimes Division, **Captain Charles Carlton**, from 77th Division, **Detective Maria Tomez** from RHD/Rape to RHD/RSS, and **Detective Rod Amador** from Hollenbeck Division.

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West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

June?! What is THAT all about?! You mean to tell me that it's time to start planning for the next beach party?! It seems to me that we are still waiting for winter to officially begin around here...hummm...Anyway, congratulations to all graduates and Happy Father's Day to all the fathers in the department. Welcome home to all who faithfully served in Operation: Iraqi Freedom. Many thanks for a job well done! Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that others could be free.

Chief Bratton has definitely shuffled the deck around the department and given us new acronyms to memorize as well. West L.A. will be sad to see Captains Rich Wemmer and Debbie McCarthy leave for their new assignments, one to Wilshire and the other to Internal Affairs. Capt. Wemmer will be taking his chocolates and baseball memorabilia to Wilshire and Capt. McCarthy will be

taking her licorice, pretzels and pistachio nuts to I.A. We wish them all the best. We also wish the best to Kathy Rush who will be heading to Foothill Records after ten years on the west side. This will be a much shorter drive for her and allow for more free time driving her



Jim Willis and his prodigy, Dave Sigler - detectives at West LA.

truck and trailer. Det. Dave Sigler will also be leaving us and heading for Narcotics Division in the Harbor area. Dave had a few things to say before leaving. He said, "Run as fast as you can if assigned to West L.A.! No, I had a great time working with every-



Detective "Squeaky" Lewis presenting a "gift" to Captain Wemmer at the farewell luncheon.

body. Detectives is a great place." Det. Jim Willis was Sigler's former partner so I asked him if he had any parting words about Dave. Jim said, "First of all, he is one of the most humble guys there is. He is a high-speed, low-drag, Navy demolition diver who was activated the day after 9-11 and was gone for a year. Nobody even knew that the guy was a "killer" because he never told anyone about it. He'll be a captain someday and I'll be his driver!" Det. Jesse Kane sat next to Sigler and was happy to find someone who liked to listen to the same radio stations. It will be interesting to see if anyone recognizes Dave when he comes back to visit sporting a goatee, tattoos, boots and a mullet! A farewell luncheon was held on April 30, 2003, at El Torito with approximately 50 people joining in for the food, farewells and speeches. They'll be back...

"Chief" Sharif will be taking care of the neighborhood he grew up in while patrolling as a new SLO officers. He attended Hamilton High and said he will be keeping busy with the needs of the citizens in his area, as well as wading through the mounds of paperwork on his desk. One rookie will be coming to join us by the name of J. Otrrosina. Good luck during your probation. P2s coming to



P3+1 "Chief" Sharif.

the west side will be A. Carter from Pacific, P. Delacruz and T. Simola from TBD, while D. Robinson will be heading to VTD, D. Hale to Southeast, and Peggy Henry, C. Higuera and S. Nakasone will hang their hats at Harbor. We wish you all the best.

Detectives Behnke and Price showed up for work recently and were just pouring their first cup of coffee when suddenly they found themselves in a car headed for Santa Barbara. It turns out that an attempted murder suspect was attending school in the area. The purpose for the visit was to locate both the suspect and his vehicle. A systematic search of parking lots revealed the location of the vehicle where the detectives set up surveillance. They arranged a tactical plan in coordination with the Santa Barbara Police Department to arrest the suspect as he arrived at his vehicle. The suspect walked past one of the unmarked police cars and looked in its direction. He continued walking to his vehicle and was approached by the Santa Barbara officers later he unlocked the back door and threw an object inside. He was taken into custody without incident. He was asked his name and address in the presence of the LAPD detectives who then knew that they had successfully apprehended the shooting suspect. He was taken to the Santa Barbara Police Department, advised of his Miranda Rights and then taken back to the Los Angeles area for booking. All in a day's work...

In closing, a couple of words to Capt. Wemmer: GO DODGERS!



by Jack H. Schonely
Air Support Division

2003 Dining In Reminder

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our 3rd annual dining in. This event is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30th at the Los Angeles Police Academy. This year's keynote speaker is the world's best aerobatic pilot, Sean D. Tucker. This is going to be an exciting talk. Sean is a passionate aviator and one of the nicest guys I have ever met. He will be performing at dozens of air shows this summer, including the Van Nuys Air Show on June 21 and 22. If you get the chance to see Sean perform, do it. You will never forget it. ASD will have aircraft on display at the air show

as well. See you at the air show.

New OIC at ASD

Air Support Division is pleased to welcome our new commanding officer, Capt. Tom Runyen. Capt. Runyen is joining us from Rampart Division. We have been fortunate again to receive an outstanding leader with a wide variety of experience. Capt. Runyen was a Marine Officer who served in Vietnam. During his time with the LAPD, he has worked many places including being the lieutenant of both the Bomb Squad and SWAT. His reputation as a leader is well known and we are looking forward to working for him. Welcome to ASD, Capt. Runyen.

ASD Tip of the Month

Our radio system continues to change, some for the good and some, well you know. In the past when you traveled to a neighboring division for a radio call or some other incident, Communications Division did not allow you to switch to a different base frequency because it would cause significant difficulties for your divisional PSR. This caused tactical communication problems for all of us. The Tactical

Flight Officer had to monitor and broadcast on two frequencies instead of one and repeat vital information. This was often times an officer safety problem. I am happy to inform you that this problem has been fixed. You can now switch to another division's base frequency when you see fit and not affect your PSR's system.

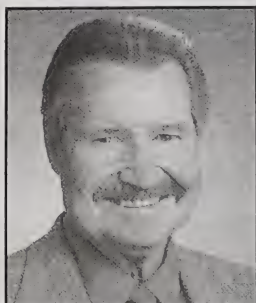
You should consider switching whenever you are handling a call in another division and when responding to any fluid tactical situation in another divi-

sion. This will help us out a great deal. Also, don't forget that you all can switch to any division's simplex frequency by manually entering it into your ASTRO radio. The frequencies are in the hundreds and coincide with the divisional number. For example, Central Simplex is 101, Rampart Simplex is 102, Southwest Simplex is 103, and so on. It is vital that you understand what you can and can't do with your radio. It is your lifeline to help. Always watch your six.

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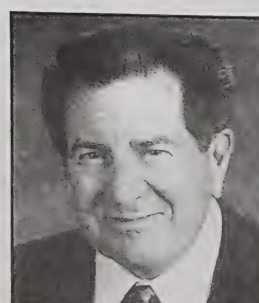
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Andrew Garcia
Hollywood Division

Sometimes we need to look back and remember those who gave their lives for the citizens of Los Angeles.

The Onion Field - March 10, 1963

On the evening of March 10, 1963, Hollywood Officer **Ian Campbell** and

Gregory Powel and Jimmy Smith, in a suspicious vehicle near Carlos and Gower. The officers made a stop on the vehicle and began to question the suspects. Powel pulled a gun on Officer Campbell and took him hostage. Officer Hettinger gave up his revolver and both officers were disarmed and kidnapped by the suspects.

The officers were taken to an onion field in Bakersfield, where they were ordered out of the vehicle. The officers were standing side by side when Powell asked the officers if they knew about the "Little Lindberg Law?" Before either officer could answer, Powell shot Campbell in the face, fatally wounding him. As Campbell lay dying on the ground, Smith then shot him several times in the chest.



Onion Field Memorial.

Karl Hettinger were working in a plainclothes felony car. Both officers were in plainclothes and in a unmarked unit. The officers observed two suspects,

Officer Hettinger managed to escape from the suspects and from the onion field. Both suspects were captured a

short time later. The suspects were found guilty of murder and originally sentenced to death. The suspects appealed and in a second trial they were given life sentences. Powell is still in prison and Smith is on parole. Ian Campbell was buried with full honors at Forest Lawn Glendale. Karl Hettinger lived for several years after the incident and became a County Supervisor in Kern County, not very far from the Onion Field. Karl Hettinger passed away in 1994.

The flag was folded in a memorial tribute to Ian and Karl by an Honor Guard from the Los Angeles Police Department. The ceremony took place on March 10, 2003, exactly 40 years after Ian Campbell was murdered. Air Support conducted a missing man fly over and a piper played Amazing Grace at the graveside service. On Tuesday, April 1, 2003, a flag was presented in respect and remembrance from all the personnel that have worn the badge of the Los Angeles Police Department.

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL!

Anti-War Protests.

Well, Detectives were in charge of the



Sleepy detectives.

field jail for the anti-war demonstrations. As you tell from the photo, they were real busy, ha ha!

A New Member to Our Family!

Police Officer II **Joseph Rich** and his wife **Joanne** had a beautiful baby girl on



February 13, 2003. **Chloe Helena Rich**, 8 lbs, 13 oz's and 21 inches. Momma and baby are doing great! Welcome Chloe to our LAPD family!

Losing a Hollywood Icon!

I'm sure everyone saw the "Mother of all transfers!" Sergeant II **Beatrice Girmalla** made LT-I in Hollenbeck Division. Bea has been someone we could all turn to when we needed an understanding ear. We are all going to miss her. We all wish her the best!

Note: I need photos from the last Baker to Vegas, just leave them in BlueLine box in the hallway. If you have any good stories, new babies or capers, write it out and leave it on a DISC! Be careful.



by Cathy Hardy
Metro Division

It's summertime already. Where does the time go? A great big thank you to our mighty military forces who took care of business on the other side of the planet. I knew sending **Curtis Lawson** over to the former domain of Saddam whatever his name was would settle the situation in a timely fashion. Hopefully our boys will be home soon. On behalf of the Metro family, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation and sympathy to the families whose fallen loved ones will not be returning home.

There are many changes in the works at 114. Some are not for the better and shall I say things just ain't the way they used to be. The following is an e-mail that was forwarded to me from Metro alumni. The beginning words pay tribute to the former Metro Man we lost in April, **Richie "the OG Creeper" Morgan**. "The Hammer," always the gentleman, always willing to help, always ready, a true friend. The ocean is always picture-perfect blue and sail ready in heaven. Our deepest condolences to the Morgan family for your tremendous loss.

As a former Metro officer and now retired, I was saddened to learn that a friend and fellow alumni of Metro has been called to the big Code Alpha in the

sky. Rich "Creeper" Morgan has passed away and yet it is still another taken from us too early in his life. At least he will be met by his pals waiting to show him the ropes. Waiting for him will be **Louie "Ta Ta" Villalobos** and **Bobby "I can't make that PFQ" Avina**, plus many other Metro alumni that have passed on. I first met Rich in the summer of 1968 or 1969 when he was assigned to Metro straight out of the Academy. That was the day that he rolled to a shooting call at 108th St and Avalon. When he stepped out of the car, he took one step and fell into a five-foot hole that had been dug to replace a street light. With a cloud of dust and an oh s___!, he pulled himself out of the hole and went on about his business. After transferring out of Metro and back to patrol, Rich gained the experience needed and then transferred back to Metro. While back in Metro, Rich, along with officers like **Rocky Rockhold** and **Art Aguilar** earned the respect and admiration of all who met and worked with him. Rich, along with others, helped form the traditions that Metro has become famous for. He was never too busy to help his fellow officers. From answering the pleas of SWAT cops at the SLA shootout for more ammo, to steak fries, going away parties, retirement dinners or anything else that would assist his fellow officers. Rich Morgan is just one of many who have set the "Metro Traditions" in stone to be enjoyed by all the officers who have followed in their footsteps. They are mighty big footsteps to fill and hopefully they will be filled by officers who have the zest for life and compassion for his or her fellow officers that Rich had.

I have also been saddened to learn that one of the most treasured Metro tra-

ditions has all but been forgotten. That is the tradition of having a going away party for an officer who is retiring out of Metro. I will not mention the names out of respect, but I can think of a few that have been forgotten. Can you? Whether you worked with them for a day, week, or just passed them in the hallway, it is a tradition that brings the Metro family closer together and keeps them together during rough times. This has nothing to do with the supervisors you work for and who are supposed to lead and guide you, it is about the makeup of the type of officers Metro is supposed to have. I

now live over 1,900 miles from the city of Los Angeles, and I wait for a few old names to come up on the retirement list. I wait for those names so that I can travel back to Los Angeles to pay my respects to those officers for the job that they did and the friendship we enjoy. Do not forget the officers that legends are made of. Respect them and the memories of our fallen friends by appreciating the traditions and the officers that have made Metropolitan Division the division you always wanted to work for. Until next time, R-10 girl, clear.



by Tom Fox
Central Traffic Division

Ins & Outs of CTD

Capt. **Sweet** leaves CTD for a Captain 3 spot at North Hollywood Division. Sgt. **Kipp**, #27405, leaves CTD for Hollywood Division. Officer **L. Hernandez**, #33150, and Officer **M. Pena**, #32588, leave CTD for 77th Division.

CTD Welcomes Capt. **Meraz**, #12052. Capt. **Meraz** comes to CTD from NOE; **G. Ortiz**, #31682, back to CTD from TBD; **S. Sun**, #35108, to CTD from TRD; **M. Ayers**, #33373, to CTD Motors from STD; and **A. Ornelas**,

#33935, to CTD Motors from VTD.

CTD regrets to announce that **Darryl Moore**, #33174, has passed away from complications of pneumonia and cancer. Darryl joined the Department on 7/8/96. He left us on April 29, 2003, at 0045 hours. Darryl will be missed by all of us. CTD is accepting donations to help his wife and five children.

Congratulations to All Runners at Baker to Vegas Run

The women's team with CTD's own **Sandy Carlisle** came in first in their category. The pace was 6.48 and the team ran leg 17. They started out #54 ending overall #36. Finish time was 15:48:20, rate 7:54, category #1.

CTD runners that competed in the Central CTD-OCB running team: **Mercedes Pena**, #32588; **Richard Joaquin**, #26225; **Mike Morales**, #30248; **Leo Hernandez**, #33150; **Lloyd Chang**, #33603; **Joe Jennerson**, #27988; **Mike Kaden**, #25009; **Anthony Stewart**, #31465; and **Martha Garcia**, #31984.



by Rob Golden
Newton Division

Baker To Vegas

Congratulations to all of you who participated in this year's Baker to Vegas relay run. Newton Area put on a great show. We placed 7th in the overall mixed division, and that's a great finish. This outstanding performance is due in great part to the hard work and attention to detail that was put in by the "Behind the scenes people." The leadership and vision of people like Det. **Greg McKnight**, and Sgt **Larry Wehage** is what made it a success.

Please join me in commending and thanking everyone who was a part of Newton Area's running team this year.



by Sharon McTiernan
Southwest Division

Hello again everyone. I hope you all had a great time at Baker to Vegas. First of all, I would like to thank the runners and support personnel who made it possible for Southwest Division to be a part of Baker to Vegas. I want to congratulate everybody for a job well



done even though we did not win a cup this year. We always have next year.

Here are a few highlights from Baker to Vegas.

Here is Officer **Irma Garcia** who started the race for Southwest and gave us a great lead.

Cops In Combat

Sgt. **Paulson**, Officers **Karle**, **Scott**, **Bruce**, and **Moreno** are off fighting the war on terrorism. It takes a special person to be willing to volunteer and sacrifice to serve their country as a member of our armed forces. I speak for all of us when I say we are proud of you, and support what you are doing.

I recently received a letter from Staff Sergeant Kevin Scott. He is serving in a Psychological Operations Unit, which is attached to the 82nd Airborne Division.

His letter, dated the 24th of March was written while he was still in Kuwait. They were planning to move north into Iraq within the next few days. Kevin wrote that not much has changed since the last time he was in the Persian Gulf (Operation Desert Storm). It's still hot, sandy, and far from home. More than a decade ago, Officer Scott was young and single, and didn't really have much to miss while he was gone. But this time, it's very different.

Shortly after finding out that he was going to be a father, Kevin was activated and ordered to report to Fort Bragg pending deployment to the Persian Gulf.

I'm certain that the five-plus months that Officer Scott has been gone feel like years to both he and his wife Kelly.

Kevin wrote that he couldn't wait to come home and meet (for the first time) his daughter **Morgan**, who was born in

early March.

We can't wait for you to come home either Kevin.

That feeling extends to all of our Newton Area (and LAPD) Officers that are serving as Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in far off lands. You've made



Staff Sergeant Kevin Scott fighting the war on terrorism.

your country proud.

If you'd like to send a letter or care package to Officer Scott, please contact me, and I'll give you his contact information.

Letters from friends back home are like gold to our servicemen/women. Please show your support.

I'm currently working on obtaining

the addresses of Officers **Karle**, **Bruce** and others that are deployed.

Rudy, Rudy, Rudy, Rudy

Transfer Order Number 5 reported the following movement:

Detective **Valdez** picked up a Narco spot, god luck. Officer **Linscomb** is back from OCB, and Officer **Barragan** is back from North Hollywood (watch out for the left hook). All roads lead back to Newton Street.

Transit Bus is sending us Sgt. **Pena**, and Officers **Gutierrez**, **Bazulto**, **Leandro**, **Saenz**, **Howlett**, **Flores**, **Verner** and **Wheeler**. Welcome to Newton, you'll love it here.

Extra Stuff

The first three people who answer the following trivia question correctly will receive a high-quality Newton Area T-shirt. You don't have to be a Newton Area Officer to participate.

Within the boundaries of Newton Area, how many "Tam's Burgers" are there, and what are their store numbers (i.e. Tam's No. 99)?

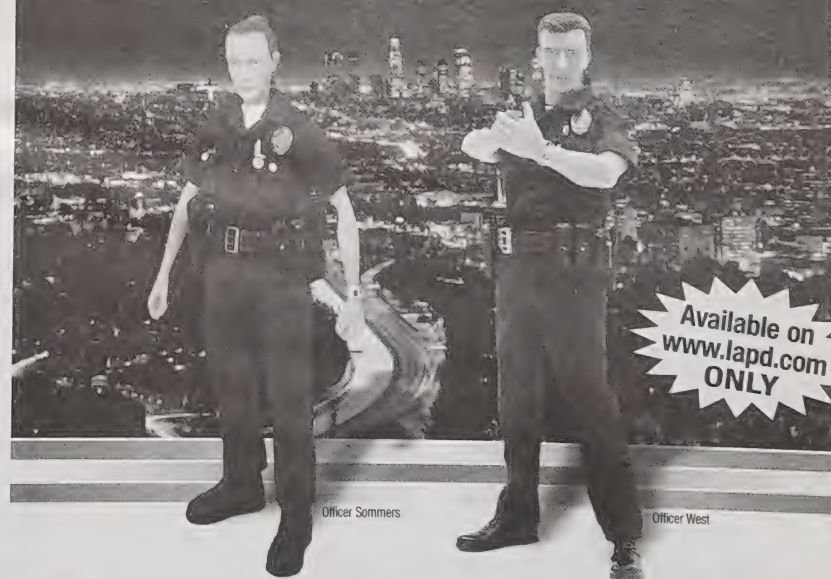
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LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow, Sports Beat Editor

Red Davis Slo-Pitch Tournament Slated June 3-4

If Memorial Day has passed us by, it means the Red Davis Tournament for the Intradepartmental LAPD Slo-Pitch Championship is just around the corner. Nineteen LAPD teams have been duking it out on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for a chance to claim their respective league titles.

Jim Quinlan's Metro Division squad was unbeaten the last two years and looks to be the odds-on favorite. But 2003 has been a year of many surprises and the other 18 teams have one goal in mind: a top seed in the round-robin double-elimination tournament and an opportunity to deny Metro a rare threepeat.

The Red Davis Tournament is slated June 3-4 at Hjelte Park in Sepulveda Basin (off Burbank Blvd. near Woodley Ave.). For game schedules and other information, contact LAPD Athletic Director **Tony Adler** at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219.

Air Support, Foothill Dets. Win March Golf Club Event

The LAPD Golf Club held its second

tournament of the year in late March at the La Mirada Golf Course. Air Support (Gerry Camporredondo, Lew Peake, Glenn Plahy and Wayne Otis) came out on top in the "A" Flight with Foothill Detectives (Richard Stocks, Chuck Lenane, Frank Bishop and Dave Escollo) winning the "B" Flight.

Among individual golfers Southeast's Steve Estrada and West Traffic's Chris Smythe both carded nets of 67 to take low score in their respective flites. Closest to the pin winners were Smythe on three, Jeff Hart (Devonshire Vice) on five, Gary Beecher (Southwest) on 13 and Plahy on 17, Pacific's Rick Gonzalez had the longest drive of the day.

For more info on the LAPD Golf Club, contact Sal or Doris Jaramillo (310-951-0731), Fred Cueto (818-756-8285), or e-mail LAPDGolfClub@aol.com

De Games, Boss, De Games

This year's edition of the California Police and Fire Games gets underway in two weeks in Sacramento with a large contingent of LAPD athletes headed up Interstate 5 in search of shiny gold, silver and bronze medallions. Over 6,000 peace officers, firefighters and their families are expected to attend the games, held June 13-21.

Twenty LAPD officers, along with

some family members, will make the trip to Barcelona, Spain, at the end of July for the World Police and Fire Games. Over 9,000 athletes from around the globe will compete and also participate in a plethora of law enforcement-related and social events.

For more information on the California and World Police and Fire Games, visit www.cpaf.org.

Across the Street in Chavez Ravine

LAPRAAC has a limited number of Reserved Level seats for selected Dodgers home games. Locations vary for each game, but are always between third and first base. Ducats are \$17 on a first come, first served basis, and are available at the LAPRAAC Administrative Office at the Elysian Park Academy.

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LAPD Motocross Team Competes in Fire/Police MX Nationals at Perris

by Kevin Korne

The department's motocross team finished strong, and, more importantly, escaped injuries during Rounds 1 and 2 of the Fire/Police MX Nationals. This event has more than doubled in size since it originated over ten years ago. It is well organized and receives a great deal of support from the motorcycle industry. Supercross Champion **Ricky Carmichael** came to the event and showed his support for the police officers and firefighters who were competing.

Everyone had a great time as they cheered and supported one another throughout the two-day event. The team would like to thank **Rob Irvin** and his two boys (**Jimmy** and **Corey**) as well as **John Ashpaugh** for their support. The shade, water and clean starting gates provided big relief to the hot weather and tough competition. Rob and his boys' good deeds were definitely rewarded after their dad won the grand prize in the raffle. Rob won a completely tricked out Honda XR 50. (Although the bike was obviously meant for Rob's boys, we couldn't get Rob off of it.)

Check out the photo of **Laura Gerritsen** going big on a jump.

It seemed some of the other male riders got their egos hurt after they found out they had been passed by a female on a

Kawasaki KX125. We have two dedicated female riders: **Erin Fuller** and **Laura**. The team wants you both to keep up the good work—you are a true inspiration to women in an almost predominantly male sport.

Longtime racer Captain **Charlie Beck** was, of course, there and as usual tearin' it up! Captain Beck contributes a wealth of knowledge and experience. However, some of us less experienced racers don't always ask for advice until we've learned a lesson or two. (Guess that's why everyone says motocross riders learn the hard way.) The team truly appreciates Captain Beck's dedication to the LAPD MX program.

And now let's talk about the fast and furious **Rob Cosner**. Rob competed in four separate motocross classes (that means he was racing eight 20-minute motos per day) and he is now talking about racing in more classes. I rarely saw Rob when he was not on his bike. In fact, Rob's wife, **Heather**, told me that Rob will often try to sneak his bike into the bed. Thankfully, Heather usually wakes up and makes Rob put it back into the garage. We want to thank Rob for his dedication—he is very much responsible for building the LAPD MX Team into what it is today.

The wild card **Frank Brien** kept all of us on the edge of our seat, as usual, by riding on the edge or maybe too far on the edge. Brien, who had a good lead and was in first place, ended up finishing ninth in his first moto after crashing twice. He swears he was stuffed into the berm by another rider as he looked like the Lone Ranger trying to stay on his horse. Brien was the only rider wearing a short sleeve shirt and he paid the price after his two crashes. I think he had it planned all along after all of the attention he was getting from his fiancée.

New team member **John Ashpaugh** had a rough first day when he realized he had raced in the wrong class. He finished strong for a first time racer and was truly a big support to everyone. **Dan Hadfield** had a great two rounds while he took home many medals. During round two, Dan, who was participating in two classes, got the wrong end of the stick when they put both of his classes back to back. Dan felt more like a cooked chicken after his back-to-back motos.



LAPD's Laura Gerritsen is one of the few females in a male dominated sport.



New MX Team member John Ashpaugh sails through the air.

NAME	CLASS	ROUND 1	ROUND 2
John Ashpaugh	40-49 Beg	11th	7th
Charlie Beck	50+	2nd	1st
	Vintage	1st	1st
Frank Brien	25-29 Nov	6th	-
Rob Cosner	Bomber	3rd	-
	30-39 Exp	6th	6th
	18-29 Exp	8th	8th
	4-stroke Exp	11th	8th
Louie Estrella	25-29 Beg	11th	-
Erin Fuller	Women	3rd	-
Laura Gerritsen	Women	2nd	1st
	30-34 Beg	11th	11th
Dan Hadfield	35-39 Nov	2nd	1st
	Bomber	2nd	1st
Rob Irvin	35-39 Beg	5th	6th
Mike Kilpatrick	30-39 Inter	12th	-
	18-29 Inter	7th	-
Kevin Korne	35-39 Nov	1st	3rd
	25-29 Nov	-	1st

Above are the results from Rounds 1 & 2 of the Fire/Police MX Nationals.

The team especially thanks its sponsors (FMF, Acerbis, Maxxis, DSP, 909, 661, Maxima, IMS, Hinson, Smith, TLD and EVS) for their continued support. We are always seeking new riders. Whether you are a first time beginner or an experienced rider, come and join the team. Enjoy the awesome sport of motocross and the camaraderie you have when competing against other police officers and firefighters. For info, contact team captain **Rob Cosner** at CTD (X3122).



Kevin Korne in mid-flight.

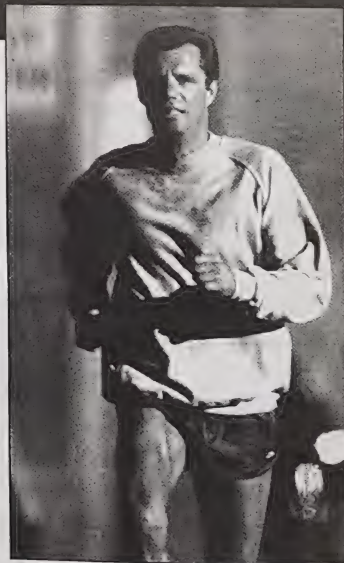
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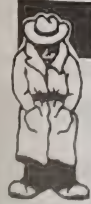
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CHALLENGE CUP RELAY WINNERS

OPEN CATEGORY 1985 - 2003

1985	LAPD CENTRAL AREA (old course)	14:16:57
1986	LASD Special Enforcement Bureau	13:26:58
1987	LAPD TRAINING/AIR SUPPORT	Halted due to snow
1988	LAPD HOLLENBECK AREA	13:00:02
1989	LAPD PARKER CENTER	13:12:02
1990	LASD Central Jail	13:03:31
1991	FBI Los Angeles	12:57:41
1992	LASD Central Jail	12:53:37
1993	LASD Central Jail	12:42:17
1994	LASD Central Jail	12:58:48
1995	LASD Central Jail	12:56:37
1996	LAPD TRAINING/AIR SUPPORT	12:41:29
1997	LAPD TRAINING/AIR SUPPORT	13:12:37
1998	LAPD METRO DIVISION (RED TEAM)	13:40:23
1999	LAPD METRO DIVISION (RED TEAM)	13:10:39
2000	California Highway Patrol	13:01:46
2001	LAPD METRO DIVISION (RED TEAM)	13:03:48
2002	LAPD METRO DIVISION (RED TEAM)	13:12:47
2003	San Diego Police Department	13:24:06

FINAL RESULTS

OPEN CATEGORY

	Time Cat. Finish	2002 O/A Finish	2003
1.	San Diego Police Dept.	13:24:06	3
2.	LASD Men's Central Jail	13:38:41 (P5)	2
3.	METRO DIVISION RED TEAM	13:49:40	1
4.	Orange County Sheriff's Dept.	14:07:23	4
5.	Anaheim Police Dept.	14:14:54	-
6.	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept. #1	14:34:55	6
7.	Calif. Hwy. Patrol - Sacramento	14:46:47	-
8.	Santa Ana Police Dept.	14:59:17	-
9.	AIR SUPPORT/TRAINING DIV.	15:28:16 (P5)	9
10.	United States Border Patrol #1	15:29:42 (P10)	8
11.	San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept.	15:31:48	10
12.	LASD Twin Towers Corr. Facility	15:37:48	14
13.	Los Angeles County Probation Dept.	15:38:18	16
14.	WILSHIRE AREA	15:43:11	12
15.	NORTHEAST AREA	15:44:21 (P5)	-
16.	Calif. Dept. Corrections - Adult Parole	15:48:01	13
17.	Drug Enforcement Agency - Los Angeles	15:49:31	-
18.	Las Vegas Metro Police Dept.	16:11:16 (P10)	-
19.	Orange County Probation Dept.	16:20:23	11
20.	METRO DIVISION BLUE TEAM	16:23:39	-
21.	Chino Inst. For Men/Chino P.D.	16:37:08 (P5)	21
22.	Calif. Hwy. Patrol - South L.A.	16:45:59	18
23.	Calif. Hwy. Patrol - West Valley	17:17:46	22
24.	Calif. Hwy. Patrol - Santa Fe Springs	17:20:26 (P5)	19
25.	Seattle (WA) Police Dept.	17:31:29	-
26.	Calif. Dept. Corrections - Folsom Prison	18:05:42	-
27.	LASD Transportation Bureau	18:08:05	20
28.	TRAP/BAD	19:30:45	-

WOMEN (all female runners)

	Time Cat. Finish	2002 O/A Finish	2003
1.	LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPT.	15:48:20	1
2.	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.	17:09:11 (P5)	2
3.	San Jose Police Dept.	17:34:36 (P10)	5
4.	San Diego Police Dept.	18:18:29	4
5.	Federal Bureau of Investigation	18:31:30	6
6.	Orange County Sheriff's Dept.	18:42:36 (P5)	3
7.	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.	18:45:40	8
8.	California Highway Patrol	18:55:43 (P5)	-
9.	FBI - San Diego Bureau	19:52:51	7
10.	Orange County Probation Dept.	21:30:33	-

800 (combined age of runners = 800+ years)

	Time Cat. Finish	2002 O/A Finish	2003
1.	LASD Special Enforcement Bureau	13:28:37	1
2.	Dallas (TX) Police Dept.	14:42:42	2
3.	LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPT.	15:57:00	6
4.	LASD STAR Training Bureau	16:00:13	-
5.	LASD Central Jail/Inmate Rec. Ctr.	16:15:12	4
6.	San Diego Police Dept.	16:24:59	7

7.	Calgary (Canada) Public Safety	16:43:31	-	80
8.	Calif. Dept. of Corr. - Transportation Unit	16:50:47	9	87
9.	California Dept. of Justice	16:58:05	8	89
10.	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.	18:20:28 (P10)	14	151
11.	San Diego County Sheriff's Dept.	18:36:54 (P10)	15	158
12.	LASD Safe Streets Bureau	18:46:42	-	164
13.	Ventura County Sheriff's Dept.	18:53:45	-	168
14.	LASD Homicide Bureau	20:14:21 (P5)	13	181
15.	San Diego Police Dept. Women	22:44:07 (P5)	-	194
UO	LASD Transit Bureau/Lomita Station	19:12:31 (P5)	10	

MIXED (5+ female runners)

	Time Cat. Finish	2002 O/A Finish	2003
1.	Long Beach Police Dept.	14:51:07	2
2.	Reno (NV) P.D./Washoe Co. Sheriff's	14:54:02 (P5)	-
3.	San Diego County Probation Dept.	15:41:32	8
4.	RAMPART AREA	15:57:04	-
5.	LASD Court Services Bureau	16:09:18	6
6.	United States Customs Service	16:27:56	10
7.	NEWTON AREA	17:03:16	-
8.	WEST LOS ANGELES AREA	17:05:00	5
9.	HOLLYWOOD AREA	17:09:48	3
10.	NORTH HOLLYWOOD AREA	17:33:34	9
11.	SOUTHWEST AREA	17:38:21 (P5)	11
12.	Fresno Police Dept.	17:41:27 (P10)	14
13.	San Diego Police Dept.	17:45:07	17
14.	TRANSIT GROUP	18:29:47	13
15.	WEST VALLEY AREA	19:21:25 (P5)	16
16.	U.S. Dept. Health & Human Services	19:41:55	-
17.	California Youth Authority	20:26:13 (P10)	-

STATIONS (patrol units)

	Time Cat. Finish	2002 O/A Finish	2003
1.	LASD East Los Angeles Station	14:23:22	1
2.	LASD Norwalk Station	15:08:45	3
3.	LASD Lakewood Station	15:14:35	2
4.	77TH STREET AREA	15:45:50	8
5.	LASD Century Station	15:49:26	5
6.	LASD Lennox Station	16:13:54	6
7.	SOUTHEAST AREA	16:18:25	-
8.	PACIFIC AREA	16:24:01	13
9.	LASD Temple City Station	16:31:44	4
10.	LASD Carson Station	16:46:52	10
11.	VAN NUYS AREA	17:25:16 (P5)	-
12.	LASD Compton Station	17:28:16	-
13.	Calif. Hwy. Patrol - Central Los Angeles	19:27:51	15
14.	Calif. Hwy. Patrol - Baldwin Park	21:20:52	-
UO	DEVONSHIRE AREA	17:27:10	-
UO	LASD Cerritos Station	19:38:50 (P20)	-

INVITATIONAL (includes civilian runners)

	Time Cat. Finish	2002 O/A Finish	2003
1.	Los Angeles County Lifeguards	14:50:52	1
2.	Orange County Judges	14:52:15	2
3.	United States Postal Inspectors	15:14:47	7
4.	FBI - Sales Lake City Bureau	15:16:49	-
5.	Riverside Co. District Attorney	15:53:01	4
6.	LASD Antelope Valley Station	16:02:05	6
7.	Internal Revenue CID - U.S. Treasury	16:09:07 (P5)	9
8.	El Monte Police Dept.	16:13:14	-
9.	Riverside Co. Sheriff's Corrections	16:15:37	-
10.	HOLLENBECK AREA	16:31:42	12
11.	San Bernardino Co. Probation Dept.	16:46:08	11
12.	LASD Industry Station	16:50:39 (P5)	-
13.	Navajo Nation Police Dept.	17:00:48 (P10)	-
14.	LASD Crescenta/Altadena Stations	17:08:05	16
15.	LASD West Hollywood Station	17:08:52	13
16.	Burbank Police Dept.	17:10:16	16
17.	Kern County Sheriff's Dept.	17:23:22	8
18.	Univ. of California Police Dept.	17:32:41	20
19.	Nuclear Test Site (NV) Patrol	17:32:54 (P5)	19
20.	Imperial County Law Enforcement	17:37:50 (P5)	18
21.	FBI - L.A. Bureau Fun Team	17:54:38	-
22.	NARCOTICS GROUP	18:02:18	-
23.	LASD Narcotics Investigators	18:04:25	-
24.	LASD Santa Clarita Valley Station	18:09:54	10
25.	Huntington Park/Bell Police Dept.	18:20:52	23
26.	LASD Pico Rivera Station	18:42:00 (P20)	-
27.	Pomona Police Dept.	18:45:04 (P5)	-
28.	San Mateo County Sheriff's Dept.	18:49:06 (P5)	-
29.	Calif. Dept. Corr. - Rock Mountain	18:49:33	-
30.	Internal Revenue - Criml. Investigators	18:54:48	24
31.	Brea Police Dept.	20:21:56 (P10)	27
DQ	Tulare County Sheriff's Dept.	22:58:44	-

INVITATIONAL MIXED (incl. Females)

	Time Cat. Finish	2002 O/A Finish	2003
1. Albuquerque (NM) Police Dept.	15:49:07 (P5)	-	37
2. Los Angeles County District Attorney	16:07:46	1	49
3. LASD Supermax - No. Co. Corr. Fac.	16:14:36	-	56
4. Riverside Police Dept.	16:35:27	-	73
5. CENTRAL/CENT'L TRAFFIC/OCB	16:38:48	10	75
6. Calif. State Dept. of Justice	16:42:51	6	77
7. San Diego County District Attorney	16:59:39	5	90
8. Salt Lake City Police Dept.	17:04:47	3	94
9. LASD Pitchess Detention Ctr. North	17:11:39 (P10)	4	104
10. Fresno County Sheriff's Dept.	17:14:36	8	106
11. U.S. Probation/U.S. Pretrial	17:23:15	17	110
12. U.S. Bur. Of Immigration - Los Angeles	17:27:49	14	115
13. Plano (TX) Police Dept.	17:30:49	7	120
14. Internal Revenue CID - San Diego	17:50:04	12	133
15. LASD San Dimas Station	18:11:32 (P5)	15	147
16. Calgary (Canada) Public Safety	18:26:40	-	153
17. LASD Pitchess Detention Ctr. East	18:31:19	-	155
18. LAPD AGGIES	18:43:13 (P10)	13	161
19. Ariz. State Attorney General's Office	18:52:11	16	167
20. JAIL DIVISION	19:25:45 (P5)	-	173
21. Calif. Hwy. Patrol - Gold	19:27:34	-	174
22. San Mateo County Probation Dept.	20:26:42	-	186
23. COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION	21:11:13 (P15)	25	190
24. DPSS Investigation Division	21:27:25 (P5)	24	192

1000 (301-1,000 sworn personnel)

	Time Cat. Finish	2002 O/A Finish	2003
1. FBI - Los Angeles	13:35:12	1	3
2. Calif. State Parks Police Dept.	14:37:51	3	10
3. United States Marshals	16:28:00	-	66
4. Los Angeles County Police Dept.	17:05:03	6	96
5. Bakersfield Police Dept.	17:12:06	4	105
6. Ventura Co. Sheriff's Dept.	17:50:21	5	134

300 (151-300 sworn personnel)

	Time Cat. Finish	2002 O/A Finish	2003
1. U.S. Secret Service	15:23:37	4	22
2. Huntington Beach Police Dept.	15:33:42	6	26
3. FBI - San Diego Bureau	16:01:10	3	46
4. Glendale Police Dept.	16:01:40	7	47
5. Pasadena Police Dept.	16:11:54 (P10)	5	53
6. Torrance Police Dept.	16:28:39	12	67
7. L.A. Unified Schools Police Dept.	16:30:05	8	68
8. Santa Monica Police Dept.	16:32:32	9	71
9. Oxnard Police Dept.	16:33:17	10	72
10. Chula Vista Police Dept.	16:42:56	15	78
11. San Bernardino Police Dept.	16:48:25	17	84
12. Oceanside Police Dept.	16:50:31 (P5)	21	85
13. Drug Enforcement Agcy. - San Diego	17:10:10 (P5)	-	102

14. L.A. Dist. Atty. Bureau of Investigations	17:28:14	13	116
15. Westminster/Fountain Vly. Police Dept.	17:56:14 (P5)	-	137
16. North Las Vegas Police Dept.	18:03:38	26	140
17. Escondido Police Dept.	18:10:29 (P5)	24	146
18. Garden Grove Police Dept.	18:12:45	25	148
19. Calif. Dept. of Insurance Fraud	19:44:57 (P5)	28	179
UO Ontario Police Dept.	20:30:58 (P20)	-	-

150 (100-150 sworn personnel)

	Time Cat. Finish	2002 O/A Finish	2003
1. Newport Beach Police Dept.	15:43:04	3	30
2. Orem (UT) Public Safety	15:46:15	1	34
3. Beverly Hills Police Dept.	15:51:45	5	40
4. Murrieta Hot Springs/Hemet P.D.	15:52:38	2	41
5. Ventura Police Dept.	16:26:05	6	64
6. FBI - Sacramento Bureau	16:40:16	-	76
7. Corona Police Dept.	16:43:05	9	79
8. Orange Police Dept.	16:50:50	12	88
9. Santa Barbara Police Dept.	17:25:16	13	113
10. West Covina Police Dept.	17:25:21	11	114
11. Fontana Police Dept.	17:29:46	8	118
12. Glendora Police Dept.	17:30:08 (P5)	-	119
13. Irvine Police Dept.	17:31:05	-	121
14. Whittier Police Dept.	17:44:46	7	130
15. Culver City Police Dept.	17:55:48	10	136
16. Simi Valley Police Dept.	18:05:34	-	142
17. LaVerne/Claremont/San Marino P.D.	19:12:58 (P5)	-	171
18. Downey Police Dept.	20:21:49	-	182
19. S. Gabriel/S. Madre/S. Pasadena/Irwindale	20:21:57	-	187
20. Rialto Police Dept.	21:11:07 (P10)	UO	189

99 (99 or fewer sworn personnel)

	Time Cat. Finish	2002 O/A Finish	2003
1. Tustin Police Dept.	17:02:43	1	92
2. Colton Police Dept.	17:09:16	2	100
3. Redlands Police Dept.	17:15:14	5	107
4. Baldwin Park Police Dept.	17:46:55 (P10)	6	132
5. Montebello Police Dept.	17:57:47 (P5)	4	138
6. Alhambra Police Dept.	18:14:44	7	149
7. Vernon Police Dept.	18:33:21	-	157
8. Monrovia Police Dept.	19:31:56	-	177
9. Redwood City Police Dept.	21:00:47 (P5)	-	188

LAPD TEAMS IN BOLD CAPS

Legend for abbreviations after time:

P#	Time includes specified number of penalty minutes.
UO	Unofficial time.
DQ	Disqualified.

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started and the CHP and LACS women teams were behind and out of sight.

Leslee Rogers mirrored her earlier teammates' performance and ran strong and disciplined for 5.2 miles. Way out in front, she was surprised to be passed by a team that came out of nowhere. Frightened at first that it might be the CHP team catching her, Leslee was relieved to find it was LAPD's fastest department runner, **Brian Damesworth**, of Devonshire Division. Brian gave her a tap on the shoulder, quick hello and congratulations for her team's effort. Leslee could barely give a thank you and good luck and Brian was out of sight running into the darkness. Next came alternate **Annette Olivas** for her 6-mile leg. It was a nervous time for the follow vehicle while they wondered how Annette would perform having not qualified for the top twenty. Annette took the baton in the exchange area, put her head down and got up into her veteran racing pace. Annette had a reputation for being a spirited and disciplined competitor. Wear an LAPD racing jersey and put a baton in her hand and she becomes a demon and you better get out of her way. With Annette as an alternate the team lost nothing and may have gained.

Next came **Kathy Weigel** and her 6-

mile run towards the town of Shoshone. By that time a full moon was in the sky and you could see miles ahead as flashing lights from over 200 relay teams seemed to climb into the sky. Kathy kept a steady pace over the rolling hills, now running at about 2,500-foot elevation. Since her team was well ahead of the pack, she was running alone casting a shadow from the moonlight. Officer Weigel accelerated her last mile and handed off at Stage 7 and **Mary Kite**. Mary is a very talented and veteran runner on Baker to Vegas Relay teams. She took the team near the town of Shoshone and began the mountain climb once again. Running with a very fast efficient short stride, Mary left strict orders not to be spoken to by the follow car personnel. Coach Connelly wondered if he should tell her about the rattlesnake sighting just a half mile ahead. He decided against speaking to Mary and kept a watchful eye on the pavement ahead of her. Mary needed no instruction or encouragement. She moved up the hills with strength and precision. By the time she came to the exchange, the team had moved up on the teams that started one hour prior to the women's start.

Stage 8 and Senior Lead Officer at Foothill Division **Julie Carpenter** waited impatiently for Mary to hand off the baton. Julie was filled with a stronger

sense of nervousness in the exchange zone. She did not race as well as she could have last year and she vowed to prepare herself all year for this race. Prepare herself she did. Since last September she has been on the track weekly with Coach Connelly and Coach **Chuck Foote**. Never satisfied with just the best she could be, she always challenged herself to be even better. As she took the baton and sprinted out of the passing zone, Julie was cautioned to slow down. She felt she had a lot to prove and Julie was running the second most difficult leg. As it turned out, she did not have to prove anything. Her performance was brilliant as she passed a dozen teams in front of her.

Sgt. **Marcella Piersol** was up next and she was concerned about being moved to Stage 9 and the longer 6.8-mile distance. Having suffered a painful plantar fascia injury to her right foot, Marcella had hoped for a shorter distance to race. However, Stage 9 was an important leg because it was neither the beginning nor the end and it cemented the middle of the team and the team's potential to win. It was important for Marcella to run well and set the stage for the last legs to be run. Marcella took the

baton and her perfect running form and sense of pace was evident from the beginning that she was the experienced veteran needed at this time. Passing team after team there was no doubt from this point on that LAPD was going to be victorious. Marcela ran one of the strongest legs for Stage 9 for women in the history of the Baker to Vegas Relay.

Holly Thompson was up for the stage that took the team through the town of Pahrump. Holly kept a steady consistent pace as she passed the townspeople at 0100 hours. Her time was faster than projected keeping the team on a pace to possibly break the record held by the L.A. County Sheriff team. Next was retired runner **Jackie Landsman**. Jackie was stolen away from the "Old Blue" LAPD retired team to bolster the team strength. A veteran of the LAPD Physical Fitness and Self Defense staff, her courage and persistence put more miles between the LAPD and their rivals.

Stage 12 brought runner **Maria Perez** out of her warm camper and into the cold night air. Maria ran uphill for 4 miles of her 4.7 leg, never backing off

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SPORTS BEAT

IN MEMORIAM KENJI TANIGUCHI



The late Kenny Taniguchi with long-time LAPD supporter Bill Stein at a Sports Awards Dinner in the 1990's. Kenny and Bill are the only two civilians to have awards named in their honor by LAPRAAC.

LAPRAAC and the LAPD family lost one of its greatest supporters on April 2nd when Kenji Taniguchi, a 55-year supporter of the department's athletic program, passed away just before celebrating his 81st birthday.

Kenny's passing was a crushing blow that placed a damper on the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay, held just two days after the funeral service. The race was just one of many LAPD athletic events that ran smoothly every year due to his tireless dedication and hard work doing whatever was requested.

From sweeping floors to setting up concession stands to directing traffic to obtaining silk-screened t-shirts and other items—no matter how important or menial the task—the word “no” was not in his vocabulary.

He was first introduced to the department in 1947 just after opening Brooklyn Sporting Goods in Boyle Heights. Over the decades Kenny helped outfit nearly every big name athlete to come out of the east side, many times giving a helping hand to a talented but underprivileged athlete in need of a sorely needed piece of equipment. Through his business, Kenny donated untold thousands of dollars of athletic equipment to the department's programs and was responsible for donation of the Kenwood Stereo and a mountain bike raffled at many Memorial Runs.

Kenny's civic achievements include the Japanese American Optimists, Japanese Community Youth Council, 40-year member of the L.A. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, a founder of L.A.'s first marathon and the Griffith Park Cross-Country Run. He was honored by LAPRAAC with the Bill Stein Award for outstanding service, named Citizen of the Year in 1977 and Citizen of the Decade 1980-89. In 1998 he was once again named Citizen of the Year and the honor renamed the Kenji Taniguchi Award.

His passing marks the end of an era. He will be truly missed by all involved in LAPD athletics.

Claybusters Uncover Gold in Arizona

by Jimmy L. Trahin

Weddle and Jimmy Trahin.

Nobody, and I mean *nobody*, loves gold more than the LAPD Trap and Skeet Team...and we proved it at the Arizona Police and Fire Games held dur-

The first day of blasting was especially nasty and resembled an Iraqi sandstorm with 35 mph winds blowing dust everywhere. The claybirds were flying in all directions and made it a real chal-

lenge just to keep your shotgun from leaving your hands. The stinging sand, however, would not deter the LAPD team from achieving its ultimate goal...a complete and decisive victory.

Harry “Mr. Skeet” Davis was especially tenacious and shot perfect scores (100x100) in skeet and trap—taking team and individual gold medals. He solidified his standing as the department's premier shooter by also taking the gold for High Overall Shooter in all events and in the skeet competition. What a “master blaster”!

Unbelievably just about

every team member took at least one individual medal besides a team medal (talk about some great claybusting!). Special appreciation goes to great shooting by Nocket, Bray and Weddle. The final tally: 32 gold, 17 silver and 26 bronze for a grand total of 75 medals. What a haul!

The team is now in high gear for the California and Nevada Games. If you want to play on a winning team, come join us at our practice shoots once a month at the Oaktree or Prado Shooting Ranges. Contact yours truly for more info at j.trahin@verizon.net.

Remember: If you love your shotgun, it will love you!



More Gold Than An Iraqi Palace – LAPD Trap and Skeet Team members pose with their horde from the Arizona Games. Standing (from left): Tom Hartkopf, Bill Page, Ross Weddle, Harry Davis, Greg Dewitt, Vic Elliott, Don Bray; kneeling: Al Jordan, Jimmy Trahin, Jeff Nocket, Dave Herrick, Ed Knutson; not pictured: Bobby Lutz, George Stanley.

— photo courtesy Bunso Trahin

ing April in Tucson. The team literally assaulted those claybirds like Bradley Tanks going after an Iraqi camel. When the smoke cleared from our “smart bomb” shotgun rounds, the team took the gold medal in *all five* team events (skeet, doubles skeet, 16 yard trap, 21 yard trap and doubles trap). What a victory for the good guys!

Those team members who love sleeping with their shotguns and attended the competition included: **Don Bray, Harry Davis, Greg Dewitt, Vic Elliott, Tom Hartkopf, Dave Herrick, Al Jordan** (invited guest from Canada), **Ed Knutson, Bobby Lutz, Jeff Nocket, Bill Page, George “Sam” Stanley, Ross**

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her pace and actually running faster her last 1-1/2 miles. Tracey Fields came next and a distance of 7 miles. Running to 3,800-foot elevation, at 0230 hours and the temperature dropping in degrees at every mile, she just kept pushing the pace at every step. Tracey personified the spirit of the women and gave notice that the early cold and uphill temperatures were not going to slow the team nor deny its win. **Theresa Gordon** (wife of Metro runner **Steve Gordon**) took on Stage 14. With a cramp in her right leg (3,800-4,600 foot elevation), she did not falter and ran right through the discomfort. Her 9-minute mile pace up a mountain was indicative of her talent and discipline. Theresa passed male runners that looked four times her strength without batting an eye.

Martee Miyakawa, running leg #15, was vested with the responsibility to take the team up to the 4,800 foot elevation. Once again it was dark, cold, windy and a 7% grade for her 5-mile leg. By this time there was a gap where Martee had to run by herself and not have competition follow vehicle lights ahead to pull her up the mountain. Leaning forward, keeping her head down, she never missed a step, bringing the baton back

into competition with other teams for the next stage, “a run to the summit.”

Stage 16 was for an “Iron Woman” and the LAPD Women's Team had one in **Janet Zumstein**. Stage 16 without question provides one of the most difficult challenges of the race. The runner must run up a mountain, high altitude, and icy cold from 4,800 to 5,400 foot elevation. Janet took the baton and with a short, powerful biting stride she started her mountain climb. With a smile on her face and loving every minute of it, she passed male runner after male runner. The men would look in amazement as she skipped by them and wished them good luck as she passed.

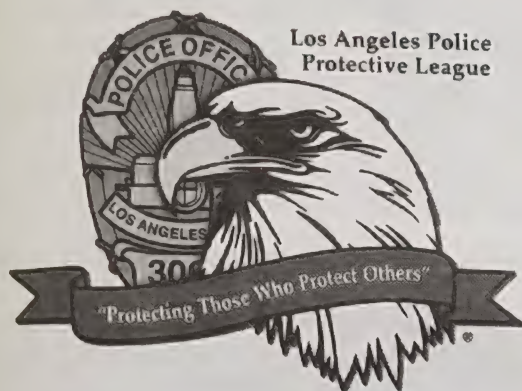
Sandy Carlisle took the baton from Janet and finished the climb to the summit, 5,495-foot elevation. Sandy then had to run the descent to 1,900-foot elevation. If you think running down a mountain is easy, think again. Running downhill with 7,000 pounds of pressure per square inch driving up through your ankles, knees and hips, it is painful and exhausting. Sandy flew down the hill as the sun started to climb over Las Vegas to the north and the finish line. Her mile splits ranging between 5:45-6:10 indicated her desire to keep the LAPD Women ahead and a chance to win the coveted “Rings of Victory.” The LAPD

Women were also still in the running for a new course record.

Soon to retire and veteran runner **Melinda Becker** had the responsibility to lead the way on Stage 18. Melinda also had to slam downhill and not overextend her ability for the last two legs to come. Her pace, as every LAPD Woman before this night, never faltered. Her rhythm of leg plant, push off and arm swing was an illustration of the correct form to run downhill. LAPD Basketball star **Marissa Frial** ran the 2nd to last leg and the team was still in contention for a course record. Unfortunately, a right turn early into the race put Melissa into a 3-mile per hour headwind that slowed her pace and a chance for the record. The basketball forward put her head down and ran hard until she reached the LAPD Women anchor runner, Sgt. **Brenda Crump**. Brenda, an all around athlete of many sports, was just the right runner to bring the baton across the finish line. Very competitive and disciplined, she was just the person to protect a lead or take a lead

on the last leg. Brenda continued to run strong into the wind and push the last 5.3 miles to the finish line. At the time she did not know that the LAPD Women had an 8-mile lead over their nearest competitor. The LAPD Women's team moved from a 54 overall finish last year to a #36 overall finish for 2003. They were just a few minutes from the record and had run their fastest relay time. As they posed with Chief **Bratton** at the finish line, they had one thing on their minds, “next year the record.”

Sharing the stage of victory at the Hilton Hotel were members of the valuable support group, made up of **Blanca Lopez, Claudia Castruita, Nancy Amoroso, Karima Tahir, Grace Kelly, Diana Stark, Harold Castrillo, and Kimberly Jones-Harris**. Also receiving “Rings of Victory” were alternate runners **Ruth Ann Chavez, Maria Martinez, Kathy Bell and Xanthe Morales**. Holding the reins and guiding the women through months of training was team coach and captain **Sherri Egan**.



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SPORTS BEAT

3rd Annual LAPD Celebrity Swing-a-thon

by Mike Scott

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LA Dodger Tommy Lasorda chats with former Major Leaguer Eric Davis during 2nd Annual Swing-a-thon.



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Already scheduled to appear: L.A. Dodger **Manny Mota** and staff, **Eric Davis** (MLB), **Jay Johnstone** (MLB), **Bobby Castillo** (MLB), **Rudy Law** (MLB), **Lee Lacey** (MLB), **Derrel Thomas** (MLB), **Tommy Davis** (MLB), **Bret Barbarie** (MLB), **Lorenzo Gray** (MLB), **Sylvester Washington** (MLB), **Willy Gault** (NFL), **Rod Martin** (NFL), **Jeremy Williams** (Boxing), **Mindy Burbano** (KTLA), **Yancey Arias** (NBC), and many more surprise guests and speakers!

For more info, contact Officer **Mike Scott**, (818) 268-2488 or e-mail scottsoldier@aol.com.



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2003 LAPD Centurions Baseball Team Get Ready for Sacramento!

Even though they didn't bring home gold like they wanted in the Arizona Police & Fire Games, the Centurions said they're ready for the California Games June 15 through 19. "We made some mistakes in Tucson, but we all played hard and got to know each other, so I think we will do well in Sacramento," stated Officer Scott. The

Centurions defeated LASD in the medal round after losing to them earlier in the tournament and hope to pick up where they left off when they face these same teams plus others in Sacramento. The Centurions would like to welcome new players: Officers W. Edwards, M. Dunn, L. Mota, R. Del Castillo, J. Broussard and J. Edwards.



2003 LAPD Centurions Baseball Team

Back row (l-r): D. Swanson, M. Dunn, J. Campbell, J. Edwards, J. Chacon, M. Scott, A. Aleman, W. Edwards, S. Roussel, R. Del Castillo, and C. Corona.
From row (l-r): E. Fischer, A. Ochoa, M. Mojarro, L. Mota, J. Soriano, J. Broussard, R. Murray, N. Magpoc, C. Reuser, and T. Moss.

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LAPD VS NYPD

On April 11, 2003, the LAPD Centurion football team met the NYPD Finest in a re-match of the 2002 National Public Safety Football League (NPSFL) Championship Game. This year's game, which was played in Las Vegas at the annual Baker to Vegas Bowl, started out as one of the greatest

game. The Centurions scored one additional time in the second half for good measure and won a great, well-fought battle, 35-21. The LAPD Centurion football team is currently ranked #6 in the nation among all amateur and semi-professional football teams by the American Football Association. They

LAPD STATS AGAINST NYPD

Rushing	Carries	Yards	TDs
Brian Cook	10	18	0
Mike Williams	10	45	2
Dan Fernandez	4	39	0
Justin Stewart	2	6	1
Total Rushing	26	108	3

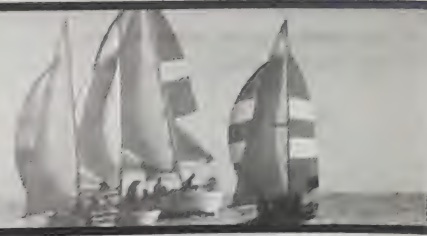
Passing	Attempts	Completions	Yards	TDs	Interceptions
Dan Fernandez	28	20	249	2	1

Receiving	Receptions	Yards	TDs
Steve Roussel	8	105	1
Dave Romines	3	26	0
Craig Allen	3	60	0
Brian Cook	3	18	0
Jeff Stewart	2	29	1
Lasalle Culpepper	1	11	0

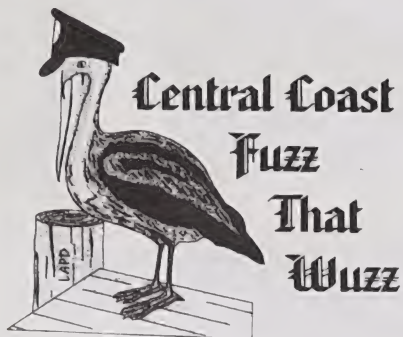
comeback efforts in the team's 25-year history. NYPD jumped out to an early 14-0 lead and it looked like it would be a long night for the LAPD faithful in the stands. By the end of the first quarter, the Centurions still faced a 21-7 deficit. However, the Centurions' high-powered offense scored three times in the second quarter to take a 28-21 halftime lead. From there, the Big Blue Defense took over, made adjustments and shut out the Finest offense the remainder of the

have one regular season game remaining against the South Bay Blue Knights on May 17 at Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks. The Centurions will then wrap up their season by playing in their 4th consecutive NPSFL Championship Game on May 31, 2003, in Houston Texas against the Houston Gunners. For more information on the team and upcoming events, please log on to www.lapdcenturions.com.

RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.



By Dave Aikins

Greetings from the Fuzz Folks on the Central Coast. We are heading into June and the weather has kept the area beautiful due to some heavy soaking from frequent rainy days. It's a great place to live.

I would like to send kudos to *The Thin Blue Line* for three things. First, I was really impressed with the photos and stories of our LAPD men and women serving our country in the Middle East that was recently highlighted in past issues. It's wonderful to see these fine young officers, who not only protect the City of Los Angeles, but our nation as well. It was great to see the family members of our LAPD officers who are serving overseas in our military,

as well. We all can be very proud of them. Second, I appreciate the message submitted by Chief William Bratton in each issue. Myself, being an old dinosaur regarding the former organizational chart, it is enlightening to see the changes that are being made to make the Department more effective and efficient. The Chief has also enlightened us old timers on important changes in personnel and policy issues. So far, it's been an excellent communication tool. And third, I would like to express my appreciation for the wonderful editorial work of Assistant Editor, Helen McVay. I've been at this for nearly five years now, and Helen has been very helpful with assistance along that sometimes bumpy trail. She is very pleasant to work with and I am sure she is overworked and underpaid for all that she does. All of the Fuzz Gang are thankful that we can publicize what we are doing in our golden years or whatever you want to call them. Thanks, Helen for doing such a great job for all of us.

Our next Fuzz function will be a fun summer event:

- **The Place:** The Pavilion, Atascadero Lake Park, Atascadero 9315 Pismo Ave, off Highway 41

- **Date:** Thursday, June 19, 2003
- **Time:** Social Hour 1100 Hours, Lunch - Noon.
- **Entree:** Half Chicken, Tri-tip, Salad, Dessert, and all the Trimmings.
- **Cost:** \$12:00 per person (same as last year).
- **Extras:** Free Drinks Wine/Beer/Coffee/Soft Drinks

reservations or further information contact **Paul & Stella Mattson** at (805) 929-0520 or **Dave & Judy Aikins** at (805) 489-4806. Hope to see you all there.

The photo is of our Fuzz guy, **Joe Hilden**, who is currently playing on the Senior Softball Circuit. This was taken in Pismo Beach. I think **Joe** is playing softball four days a week. **Joe** and his wife, **Taylor**, reside in Cambria and are enjoying grandkids, family and lots of company. He is one guy who is really relishing his retirement.



Joe Hilden (seated, center) on the Senior Softball Circuit.

The Pavilion is an air conditioned facility located on beautiful Atascadero Lake with a gorgeous panoramic view. There is also a wonderful zoo adjacent to the Pavilion. No guest speakers, just a whole bunch of us having fun and enjoying that famous LAPD camaraderie. For

Fuzz Loss

Sadly, I have to report the loss of **Francis Krasts**, wife of **John Krasts**, who passed away unexpectedly last April in Paso Robles. **John** and **Francis** have been supportive members of our Fuzz group for many years and **Francis** will be sorely missed. Our prayers and condolences go out to **John** and the members of his family.

Take care and stay healthy. Catch us at Pismoguyngal@Charter.net KMA

Old Blue Running Team

by Mike McKean

April! Tax time! April showers bring May flowers! Pollen! Allergies! But most important, Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup!

April 12th and 13th were nearly perfect weather days for the run. Not a lot of wind and not a lot of heat. Our team of "experienced" runners made quite an improvement from last year. Overall we finished 43rd with a time of 15:57:0. In the over 800 category we finished our best ever, third place. Not bad for a group of runners whose average age was over 56.

Our team's individual runners performed flawlessly. The support personnel were on top of their game. The alternates were poised to take over just in case. The success of the team's organization was due in large part to the efforts of our team captain, **Chuck McTaggart**, and his assistant, **Mel Sandvig**. I told them both that they deserved a big raise. Unfortunately the budget was a little short.

This year's runners were **Ray Crawford**, **Bruce Hoover**, **Chuck Foote**, **Jim O'Connor**, **Pete LaMestra**, **J.J. Thompson**, **John Marnell**, **Steve Keyser**, **Phil Booth**, **Mike Cherry**,

Mike Arroyo, **Jorge Sanchez**, **Chuck McTaggart**, **Ron McCall**, **Jim Becker**, **Mel Sandvig**, **Rupert Miley**, **Danny Staggs**, **Thurston Bechtel**, and **John Martin**. The alternates were **Pat Connolly**, **Kevin McNamara**, **Joe Najara**, **Bob Carter**, **Bill Osuna**, **Ray Romero**, **Bob Bloomer**, **Dan Elefante**, **Bob Espinosa**, **Keith Allen** and **Jay Hernando**. Our support team members were **Bob Espinosa**, **Robert Espinosa**, **Anthony Espinosa**, **Corky Rocklitz**, **Virginia VanHoute**, **Dan Bodemeijer**, **Mike McKean**, **Terry Wonders**, **Ron Stringer**, **Dan Elefante**, **Ray** and **Donna Romers**, **Keith Allen**, **Diane Harber**, **Bob Bloomer** and **Jay Hernando**. Some of the support personnel did double duty as alternates. A special thanks to **Julio Nieves** who was able to obtain vehicles for us from his new employer, Dollar Car Rentals.

Each year at the run there seems to be lots of interesting side stories. Last year,

Keith Allen allegedly got left at leg 16 and had to "hitchhike" back to Las Vegas. This year, **Steve Keyser**, having just returned from Europe, drove from home to his leg, ran and then drove back home. After getting home and taking a shower (we hope), his wife asked about the awards ceremony. Steve hadn't been to one in a while, so back into the car and they drove back to Las Vegas for the ceremony. Steve got his cup, his picture taken and then back into the car and back home. The true essence of teamwork.

Have a great summer. Don't forget that we start our get together training runs in September in Griffith Park. Check the August issue for dates and times. If you are interested in running or being a member of the support team, contact **Chuck McTaggart** or any member of the Old Blue team for more information.

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Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

DATELINE: SACRAMENTO—Our meeting in April at "Friends" restaurant in Rancho Cordova was attended by 14 SABLA members. Our President **Chuck Crawford** welcomed our guest speaker, retired LAPD Detective (from WLA Vice) and current Chief Investigator at the CHRB (California Horse Racing Board), **Frank Moore**. Frank retired in September of 1995 and went to work for the CHRB in Southern California as an Investigator where he worked with another retired LAPD Detective, **Bob Nieto** from OCID). Frank moved to Sacramento after being promoted to Chief.

Moore provided an interesting and enlightening presentation about the horse racing industry. Like the Lottery,

or any other enterprise where money is involved, there is always someone out there who'll go to any means to beat the system (otherwise they wouldn't need investigators - right!). It sure sounded like an interesting job for anyone interested in that type on work.. if only I were younger! Thanks Frank for being our guest speaker and your insightful presentation. **Hoy Key** was finally able to sign up Frank to become a SABLA member. Hope to see you at many future meetings.

It's been awhile, but it was good to see **Charlie Long** (Motors) at our meeting after a long recuperation from his hip replacement surgery. Long time SABLA member **Roy Kerton** (OCID) suffered a stroke on his left side early in April and

is currently hospitalized. I talked to his wife **LaDonna** and she indicated it would be a long, slow recovery. Roy is able to talk and is receiving therapy. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to you Roy, LaDonna and your family. Friends are encouraged to stop-by the Kaiser Bruceville facility to see Roy.

Others attending our April meeting include **Tony Baldassano** (who is thoroughly enjoying retirement with his wife **Carolyn**), **Ray Lauritzen**, **Gene DeCrona** and **Al Ferrone** (RHD). **Dennis** (spell my name right) **MacDonald** (or old Mac Donald as he is known) also graced us with his presence. **Al Ferrone** was our guest speaker at our May meeting.

As you know this article was actually written at the end of April. **Bernie Remas** is back in town after his 8 month sabbatical. He's been to NY, FL, OH and

who knows where else in between. But anyway he's back and will be resuming his Blue Line journalistic duties and he'll be getting ready for the annual Sacramento Jazz Jubilee.

Our June Meeting is going to be held at the California Highway Patrol Academy in West Sacramento (barring any State budget cut to the CHP at the Academy.) We're scheduled for a tour of the facility including lunch. Hopefully we'll also be able to take in their pursuit-driving course too. Reservations to attend the Academy tour should have been made through Hoy Key as this is a limited as to the number that can attend.

As I bring this copy to close, I hope I've been able to bring some interesting items to you over the past 8 months. It's been fun and I hope you all take care of yourself (Fast) **Ed Lewandowski**.

50th Anniversary of WOLAPO

On April 6, 2003, members of the WOLAPO (Wives of Los Angeles Police Officers) original chapter celebrated their 50th anniversary. Plaques were presented to founder, **Jeanne Massey** and charter member, **Lorraine Ferguson**.

Lorraine Ferguson of Bullhead City, AZ, 50 years; **Jackie Drees** of Yorba Linda, 50 years; **Jeanne Massey** of Lake Havasu City, AZ, 50 years; **Joan Tibbs** of Buena Park, 47 years; and **Diane Sullenger** of La Habra, 27 years. Not shown: **Leslie**



Jackie Drees received an engraved crystal plaque in recognition of her continuous 50-year membership. Also, **Lois Zanone** was honored for 45 years.

Shown in photo 2nd row: **Shirley Swihart** of Boulder City, NV, 24 years; **Shari (Lewis) Haywood** of Vista, 37 years; **Linda Lejuwaan** of Cordona, 37 years; **Audrey Meharg** of Downey, 46 years; **Vicki Mahoney** of Yorba Linda, 12 years; **Lois Zanone** of Santa Fe Springs, 45 years; **Mary Jo Di Ruscio** of Whittier, 28 years; **Kathy Songer** of La Mirada, 36 years; **Norma Cron** of Whittier, 21 years; **Dorothea (Tingirides) Goddard** of Irvine, 36 years; **Kathleen (Litsinger) Shieler** of San Diego, 33 years. Front row:

Cochran of Susanville, 26 years; **Margie Jones** of La Mirada, 31 years; and **Shirley (Beeson) Stanley** of San Clemente, 41 years.

Some of the members have moved out of the area but have retained their membership and support. Those living in the vicinity continue to meet every two months. In years past, they have supported the Fire & Police Ward at Central Receiving, Sister Kenny Hospital, Children's wards at Rancho Los Amigos and White Memorial, and Cystic Fibrosis, among others. For the past 20 years, their primary concern has been the Multiple Sclerosis Society to which they have donated in excess of \$20,000.

More Retirement News on next page

Retirement Corner

Rank Name Serial No. Last Assigned to.....No. of Years

P-III+1 Richard Close	14281 OVB	30
D-III Gary W. Higginbotham	16801 77th	32
D-II Samuel G. Sanchez	21113 Central	29
P-III Ronald A. Donovan	21697 Juvenile	27
LT-II Stanley A. Embry	21897 Narcotics	26
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16th Annual LAPD Northwest Reunion



Do you remember those Divisional Steak Fry's at the Academy? The long walk up the stairs, the picnic tables covered with brown paper, the liquid refreshments iced down in the concrete well and the BBQ smoke coming from that nasty BBQ grill? **Well, We're Back!!!**

The Inland Northwest Retired LAPD is pleased to announce the 16th Annual BBQ. Please join us for an old fashion Academy Steak / Chicken Fry with all the trimmings.

Important

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RETIREMENT NEWS

Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

There isn't a day goes by that I thank my lucky stars that I took the police exam for LAPD and made it. Nearly didn't. My wife was against it for eight years, but finally in 1949 she consented. I thought I was in great shape until Vance examined me and turned me down because between football and fighting I had my nose broken six times and I never realized I had a divided septum, could only breathe through one side of my nose. Well, I got that straightened out and civil service scheduled me for a re-examination. Vance passed me, and I was on my way. Academy was rough but fun. I believe our class (March, 1949) had the best instructors of any class before or since: **Tom Reddin, Merrill Duncan, Chuck and brother Mert Howe, Floyd Phillips,**

Ted Combs and Bob Mathews. And boy what a tough group, but it paid off. Fifty-seven of us made it. My six months probation went fast. I was lucky. I believe I had the best training officers the Department had to offer. Then at 5-1/2 months I was called to go to the personnel office, and was advised to bring my badge, I.D. card, books and buttons. What a shock when the lieutenant said "you're fired." I asked why and he informed me that he did not have to have a reason. My superiors at Hollywood were dumbfounded and found out that it was alleged that I lied on my application when I stated I had never been fired from any job (and I hadn't). Well it boiled down to some old gal that I had kicked off my property two years before I went on the P.D. and had seen me directing traffic, and had told a bunch of lies which personnel bought and fired me. Well, I never gave up and proved to

the LAPD that I had never been fired and Chief **Willie Warton** reinstated me. It seems he was in command of a Marine group in the South Pacific and they landed on this island where I just happened to be in a Seabee unit on the same island. Well it seemed that a mix up in transfer caused Warton's Marine unit to be out of all food but K-rations. Chief Warton had interviewed me, because it seems so many people had called the Chief's office (Hollywood supervisors and officers) that he started an investigation and discovered that I had been falsely accused. Well, he found out that I had been in the Seabee unit that had invited the whole Marine unit to come to our chow hall where we fed them for two weeks. It turned out that Chief Warton and I talked for 1-1/2 hours while the lieutenant from Personnel and a Deputy Chief over at Personnel sat and listened to us talk about our war experiences. So you see I have a lot of respect for the LAPD. It has been good to me. From the time I spent in the Academy until I retired in April, 1973, I worked for the greatest bunch of supervisors and with the greatest bunch of officers. I can count on one hand the officers (all superior) that I did not like, but all the field officers were the greatest, and those that read this article I want to thank you for making my years on the LAPD worthwhile. I am sure there are many officers out there that feel as I do.

If there are any of the officers that started March 16, 1949, who are left, please contact me, because next year will be our 55th year and there are not many of us left.

Dick Brigg (God rest his soul) was our class president and kept us together over the years, but Dick passed away last year and promised him I would keep us together as long as I am alive. Well 85 years and more gray hair, a few aches and pains, but I think I'll make it for a while longer. **Floyd Phillips**, our old instructor has not been too well lately, but I told him we made up our minds that we will hold our 55th year in 2004 and we are pulling for 60 years in 2009 and we wanted him and **Merrill Duncan and Ted Combs** to be there. I doubt if **Tom Reddin** will make the luncheon or dinner. Tom has been failing these past two years. We all are praying and hoping that he gets better. So please all the guys in class of March, 1949, please contact me. I'm in the retirement book.

One of my old training officers from my old Hollywood days wrote me. How many of you remember **Clyde Deathridge**? He gave me some pointers on how to win at Keno. I'm going to Laughlin this month (June 2) and am

going to put it to use. These past six months have been a disaster. Can't understand it. When I started, it seemed I could not lose, then somebody up there shut the door on me.

Have not heard from **Guy Salerno** on how **Lorine** (his wife) is. She has been very ill and is in Menekee Hospital. Guy is 94 and someone told me Lorine was 95. Both still look like they are in their seventies. "Pray for her."

Had a letter from **Ray Lopez** (a club member and also from my old Hollywood days). Ray has been battling prostate cancer and has to commute clear from Long Beach to Sunset and Vermont for radiation treatments. So far he has had 26 treatments and needs 13 more. Ray is not complaining about the sick prostate or the radiation, but he is complaining about having to get up so early. When someone lied to him and told him "When you retire you get to sleep till noon I you want. Ray is still looking for the S.O.B. that told him that. I know I didn't because I have always been an early riser. Bed by 11:00 p.m., up at 5:30 every morning.

A wee bit of bad news... March 8th I bought a new used car through the credit union, a Toyota Avalon. I just loved it. Well last Sunday I wrecked it to the tune of \$4,000, trying to get out of some old woman's way so she wouldn't hit and wreck my new car. Well, I slammed on my brakes and didn't know I had cranked case oil on my right shoe, and when I hit the brakes, to save my car, my foot slipped off the brake and hit the gas pedal and I buried the hood and front end of my new car under the rear end of a 4X4 F-150 Ford pickup. Didn't do any damage to the truck, but sure did a number on my car. I had seatbelts on, so no injury. The truck was parked and the owner was in Pechunga Casino and had his hearing aid turned down because of the noise, so he did not hear his name called. I left a note on the windshield. He called me on Monday and it's a small world, his son-in-law is a detective on LAPD. So I am having bad luck all the way around. Can't win at the casinos, Las Vegas, Laughlin, and now this. Maybe I'll sleep in tomorrow. What is the sense of getting up? Maybe Ray Lopez's idea is pretty good. Tomorrow I'm not getting up until 6:00 a.m.

Well enough is enough. Be careful, buckle up. It's a jungle out there. You're not as strong as you used to be, but we need you around for a while. So until next month, partner, and remember my phone number is still the same: 909-925-4491. If I don't answer, I must be gone. God bless.

Dates to Remember

JUNE		Event Time/ Social	Meal
June 1	Choir Boys Charity Poker Run	0900	
June 1	LAPD Memorial Run @ Dockweiler Beach	0700	
June 2-4	77th Street Alumni Association Reunion at Las Vegas		
June 4	L.A. Retired Fire & Police General Meeting	1000	
June 6	Desert Refuge Charity Golf Tournament at Knollwood CC	1200	
June 7	Prescott Area Blue Line BBQ	1300	
June 12	William Caughey	1800	1900
June 12	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	1200
June 13-21	California Summer Games at Sacramento		
June 14	Stan Embry	1800	1900
June 18	Valley Retired Blues	1030	
June 19	Central Coast Fuzz BBQ at Atascadero		
June 20	Bayan Lewis	1800	1900
June 20	LAPD West Valley Open Golf @ Cascades G.C.	0900	
June 21	Breath of Life Ventura Triathlon	0730	
June 21	Annual Jack Webb Awards Dinner for LAPD Historical Society @ Century Plaza Hotel	1700	
June 26	Gary Higginbotham	0800 golf 1800 social/dinner	
June 28	LAPD Celebrity Swing-a-Thon	0900	
JULY		Event Time/ Social	Meal
July 2	L.A. Retired Fire & Police General Meeting	1000	
July 2	Steve Beidle, Karen Beidle	1700	
July 9	Jim Ray	1200	
July 10	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	1200
July 16	Valley Retired Blues	1030	1200

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Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on June 18, 2003, at "The LAMPLIGHTER" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave and Nordhoff St. We meet in the Bar/Lounge area of the restaurant. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 A.M. Coffee is available until lunch orders are taken. All LAPD officers, wives/friends (active or retired) are welcome to attend. We have no membership dues and time is spent renewing friendships and reminiscing.

We had 27 attending April 16th luncheon. The following attended **Ken BRONDELL** (3336), **Frances DAVIDSON**, **Ted DEBS** (6808), **Emmett DRENNEN** (3279), **Ed ELLIOTT** (4703), **(Hilliard) (Curly) ELLIOTT** (4534), **Ray ELMER** (5607), **Clinton ERICKSON** (5608), **Billi FELIZ**, **Mike JAUREGUI** (12143), **Glen** (3503) and **Naomi KAILEY**, **Dean KNOUSE** (6057), **Bob MAY** (3747), **Boris MENEGHELLI** (3522), **George MOORE** (10565), **Paul NICHOLAS** (4047), **Les NOLTE** (10821), **Ray PALASZEWSKI** (69340), **Bob** (3680) and **Diana PRATT**, **Dale RICKARDS** (3593), **Duane** (Whitey) **RYBURN** (3981), **Guy SCHLOTZHAUER** (2804), **Ted SPRULL** (7737), **Stu STREMSERFER** (4394), and **Dean WARNER** (5682). There were two new attendees this

month, **Naomi Kailey** and **Diana Pratt**. **Mike Jauregui** last attended about two years ago in July of 2001.

In my spare (?) time I am trying to create a listing of all the deceased officers of LAPD and forward the list to the Historical Society and Retired Fire & Police association. I have information from most of the 'Beat' magazines, Jack Halstead's Newsletters, Blue Line, and Retired Fire & Police Newsletters. I am missing data from some of the issues and if any one reading this column has saved all of the issues of the aforementioned publications I would like to have you contact me so I can arrange to verify my information and complete my project. You may contact me at the phone number and/or e-mail address below.

I know there are a lot of you that worked in the Valley and live in this area and hope you will come and join your old friends for a great bull session. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighters. Our meeting information and attendees are on www.LARFPA.com. the names appear on the Website about a month prior to seeing them in the Blue Line column. Hope to see some more new faces at the next meeting in June and if you don't remember the date, remember it is always the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

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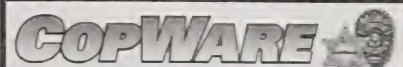
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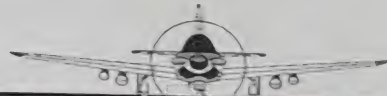
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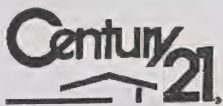
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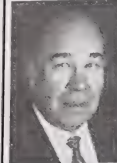
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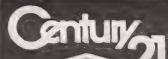
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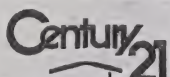
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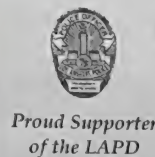


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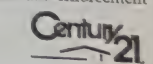
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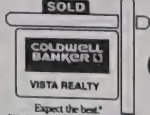


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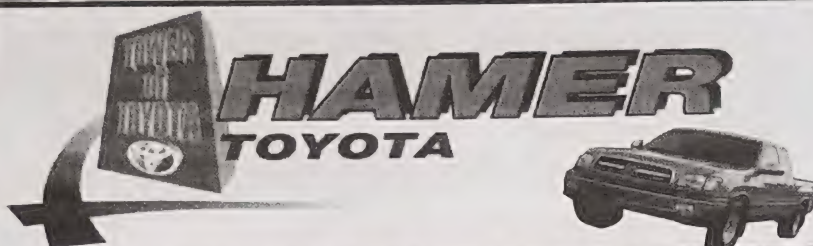
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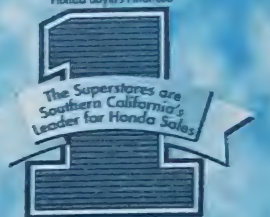
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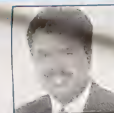
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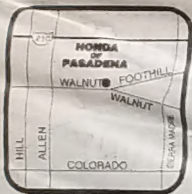
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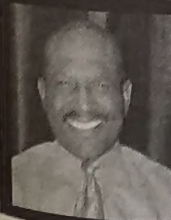
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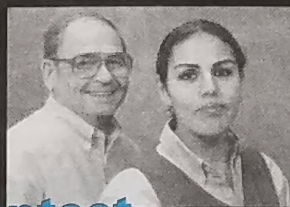


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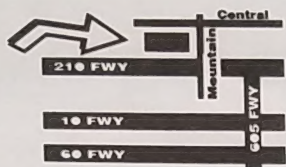
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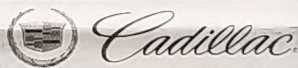


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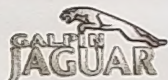
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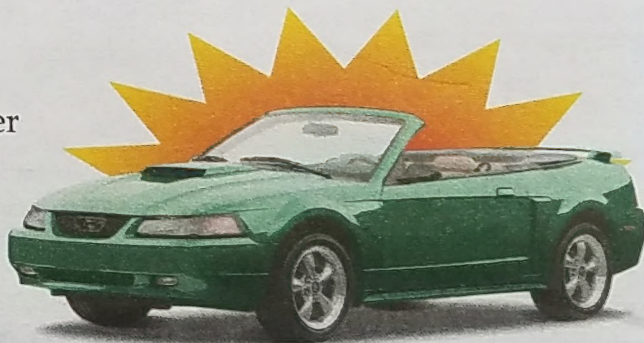


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